

## PREFACE

The story of "Hans and Martha" has taken me about four years to research, and of course, it is not complete. There are dates and names missing as well as where the person was born. A few of the families did not send in all the information and the actual count of Martinson's is not correct, but there are approximately 622 of us!

I have enjoyed researching and writing this history, wrote nearly 150 letters and visited many of you. In June, 1982, Mother and I attended the wedding of Nancy Nelson Ohman, daughter of Beverly Oyen Nelson. While in St. Paul, we met the families of Jack Oyen and Marian Oyen Snowberg, and visited with Aunt Tillie and Marilyn Isaacson Weber's family. In Fergus Falls we were guests of Anna M. Cookman, Effie M. Rix and Junith M. Christenson. We spent two days in Rothsay and had a "grand tour" of the area with Clarice M. Grims, Kathryn M. Flatin Peterson and Esther Martinson. We visited the homestead of Hans and Martha, the farms of Martin, Jens, Thorwald, Gilbert and Hilmer, the Hamar Lutheran Church and cemetery. Then on to visit more relatives: Clara Anderson, Harry, Lester and James Martinson and spent an afternoon in Abercrombie with Anna Loff Overby.

There are errors and omissions in this history. I ask you to correct them, add to the stories and send them to me. But most of all, write them down for your children. In Gary Wigdahl's book about Rothsay, "Twist Hill and Prairie", he says "eyesights dim and memories fail, but the written records endure".

In this large family, I hope I will find someone besides Anna Cookman who is interested in doing some research. Perhaps someone in the Rothsay area will check the Hamar Lutheran Church and Ouse Museum records. We still need verification of the birth and death dates of the three "missing" children. Tolwell? b. 1876, Gustave b. 1879, and Ole? Also look for Andrew (brother of Hans) Martinson, and his wife Karen. Where did they live in Rothsay? More information is needed on the other two brothers of Hans, Guldbrand and Tobias.

Maybe "several someones" would like to take a field trip to the Wilkins Co. Historical Society in Breckenridge. In the near future, they will have on microfilm the newspapers "Rothsay Record" and "Rothsay Enterprise". Begin with 1880 and I'm sure you'll find many references to the Martinson family. Sylvia Karlsgaard of the Society will help you, she is a "cousin" of Junith Christenson.

Then a note to my St. Paul relatives. I have found the Minnesota State Historical Society, 1500 Mississippi St., St. Paul, to be one of the best. Everything is on microfilm for you. Check the 1885, 1890, 1895 Minnesota Census for Wilkins County, Atherton and Tanberg Township. Look for Hans and Martha and children, Hans parents, Martin and Thoran Hanson, the brothers and the missing children.

After reviewing several numbering or index systems, I decided to use a very simple form for this story. I wanted the head of the family, children and grandchildren to run on consecutive pages for easier reading. If you are doing genealogy research, I'm sure you will have your own numbering system and can easily transfer this information.

Numbers ① ② and ③  
Roman Numbers I, II, III  
Capital Letters A, B, C  
Arabic Numerals 1, 2, 3  
Small Letters a, b, c  
Arabic numerals with (1)

Families from Norway  
Children of Hans and Martha  
Grandchildren of Hans & Martha  
Greatgrandchildren of Hans & Martha  
great, greatgrandchildren of Hans & Martha  
great, great, great, of Hans & Martha

I have used the abbreviations b for born, m for married, and d for died.

In counting the number of relatives, I have used only the numbers of direct descendants of Hans and Martha. All other children, adopted or born to former wife or husband are included in the history.

The typist is my mother, Ida Martinson Wilson, age 84. Until I started this research, she didn't realize she had so many relatives.

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## "HANS AND MARTHA"

This is the story of my great-grandparents of the Hadeland area of Norway and Ruthsøy, Minnesota; Hans Martinson and his family of Jevnaker and Martha Jenson and her family of Brandbu. The Martinson's and Jenson's were just one small part of the great migration of Norwegians to America.

The first emigration of Norwegians left Stavanger in 1825 to New York, founding a small colony known as the Kendall Settlement. Conditions were harsh during the first years and the colony did not thrive. A decade passed before the next group left Stavanger in 1836.

As settlers learned of the Midwest plains, they moved to Fox River, Illinois. This was the beginning; word spread to other parts of Norway and emigration became an annual event, families usually leaving in April and May. Over 1,000 people left in 1840; 8,000 in 1861 and reaching the highest number in 1882 when 29,000 people left Norway. It is estimated that over 800,000 people left Norway in the hundred year period of 1825-1925.

In the distinct class system of Norway, there were landholders (bonders); next came cotters (husman) who received a few acres of land and a small home in return for services to the land owner. Apart from these two groups there were renters, laborers and servants whose prospects for better lives were minimal, except through immigration.

During the early 1800's, the Scandinavian countries saw a population growth, and increase in agricultural production and improved health care, but not a growth of jobs and economic opportunity. The marriage rate increased due to land reforms, mainly the right to divide a homestead among several heirs. The farms were divided and sub-divided with everyone struggling to make a living on his small piece of land. Masses of hired men and women and their children had no place to work or live. Crop failures and falling prices in the 1860's and 1880's contributed to the unrest. Immigration became an escape. In the 1840's in America, the Norwegian settlements shifted from North Illinois, in 1850-1870's to Wisconsin, Iowa and Minnesota. Later they moved to the Pacific Northwest where forests and rivers enabled them to assume familiar lifestyles: farmer, fishermen, lumberjack and mill workers. The first Washington settlement was in Stanwood, north of Seattle in 1875.

Long into the night "America was discussed in the servant and tenant homes all over Norway". The decision to leave would be made. Sometimes the eldest son, or if there was enough money, two brothers would go. Then in America they would work, save money for the next brother or sister to come. First he had to go to the pastor of his church parish to obtain his "Flyttingbrevis", this was an official exit permit, an important document since technically no Norwegian could leave his home parish without the permit. It would give his full name, parents name, his status, occupation and where he would be moving, some times it would just say "Til Norre America". In doing research, you are extremely lucky if you can find your relatives "Flyttingbrevis".

Population and church records are excellent in all three countries. It was the duty of each pastor to keep an accurate record of all in his parish. Marriage, births, baptisms, deaths were all recorded as well as where they lived, their occupation, health and sometimes their debts. Upon arrival to a parish, they would present their "Flyingbrevia" to the pastor and be registered. It is fairly simple, even now, to find a relative through the archives if you have his name, birth date and parish.

Each tenant, hired hand, man or woman had a small wooden chest sometimes called a "Skrinett" in which he kept his belongings when he moved from farm to farm. These chests became known as the "American Chest" to be taken with them filled with extra clothing, a special picture or book, dried beans, lentils, cured meat, cheese and bread. The family did not travel first class; often in dirty crowded boats, each family assigned one or two bunks with blankets strung up for privacy. In early times, before 1805, conditions were more crowded. Each family had an allotted time on deck to cook their meals and breathe a little fresh air. The majority of immigrants landed in New York at Ellis Island. The family then traveled by train to their destination, usually an area where relatives, friends or people from their home areas were already established. Each nationality settled in its own ethnic community, retaining their language, customs and building their own church.

There were many name changes with the Scandinavian immigrant. Sometimes he changed or added to his name before immigration, but usually it was done upon arrival in America. This name changing was due to the patronymic system of naming of your children. This system was used in all of Scandinavia until about 1860-1880. A child had his given name: Hans; and "sen" or "son" was added to his fathers given name, Martin for the child's surname. Hans Martinson was Hans, the son of Martin, or Martin's son. A daughter would add "dotter" to her fathers given name. Martha was known as Martha Jensdotter. This name a woman kept all her life, whether she married or not, which is a help when researching names. In America, the "dotter" was dropped, and women used the "sen" or "son" as did the men. There were also more or less strict rules for naming your children. The first son was named for the paternal grandfather. The second son was named for the maternal grandfather. The first daughter was named for the paternal grandmother. The second daughter was named for the maternal grandmother. When these names were used, great-grandparents names were used without strict rules or order. Also, if there was a deceased member of the family, a brother or sister, that name was used again. So we see in several generations, the same names being used over and over, with brothers and sisters using the name of the paternal or maternal grandparents as well. The first son of Hans and Martha, Martin born in 1871, was named for his paternal grandfather, Martin Hanson. The second son Jens, born in 1874, was named for his maternal grandfather Jens Jenson.

Norwegians, usually in rural areas, had three names. Their given name, the patronymic and a farm name. The farm name did not necessarily identify a family relationship, it was an address. If a person moved, he retained his given name, the patronymic, but changed the farm name. He may have been born, married, raised his family on the same farm or moved many times, each time changing the farm name. Sometimes "eie" after the farm name denotes the person worked on the farm, not ownership. The "Martinson family" is found on the Haga, Roen and Sogn farms of the Jevnaker area. Even today, you can visit rural Norway and find many of the farm names as they have been for several hundred years. There are also rules for naming and changing farm names, which is only done by the government. Many of the farms go back to Viking days. If you find records of your ancestors like Hads Tollefsen Haga and his son Hans Hansen Haga of the Haga farm of Jevnaker, you can be reasonably certain that they are your relatives.

An immigrant would retain his given name, possibly the patronymic or maybe drop that and use his farm name or all three names. The important thing was to have an easily pronounced and written name in English. On the whole, the immigrant was not too particular which surname he used. Even in cases where the farm name was retained as a surname, it was often changed and modified so it is now unrecognizable. Another point to remember is most official American records were written by a clerk or pastor. Even if the person could read or write, the chances are, he gave the information orally and the clerk wrote down what he thought he heard. Hakonsen became Hawkinson; Janssen, and Jonasson both became Johnson.

The Martinsons did not retain their farm name in America. Only 5% of the Norwegians used all three names. My maternal great-great grandparents and great grandparents used three names. Ole Jensen and family lived and worked on the Skjefstad farm in the Ostre-Toten area. When they immigrated, they Americanized the name to Schefstad. They were known as the Ole Jensen Schefstads. Two of their sons were John O. (O for Olson) and Ole O. Schefstad. A third son, my great grandfather, Gustave Olson and family, at the time of immigration, were living on the Lie or Li farm. The "Lee" name he retained; so we find Gustave O. Lee and Ole O. and John O. Schefstad as brothers in Wilkins County, Rothsay, Minnesota. Norwegian names also used "sen", but in America, the Norwegians used "son", the Danes used "sen". The "sen" in the patronymic was the Danish spelling.

Norway was under Danish rule for 400 years prior to the defeat of Napoleon in 1814. Under the treaty of Kiel, Denmark, which had entered the war on the side of Napoleon, was forced to cede Norway to Sweden. So ended in 1814 the long Danish rule over the Norwegian people. The Norwegians were not pleased at being passed from one "stepfather" to another. Angry meetings all over Norway resulted in the Assembly of Eidsvold. On May 17, 1814, the assembly adopted a constitution. May 17, "Syttende Mai" is still celebrated as Norwegian Independence Day with a large peoples parade in Oslo. The parade starts off with the King's Color Guard, followed by school children, marching bands and folks in colorful costumes all marching up Karl Johans Street to the palace where the King and family review the parade. Richard and I were there in 1979 joining the marchers for awhile up the street, right behind the King's Guard. It was a big day for Norwegians, it was for me too; my birthday. It was not until 1905 that Norway was truly independent. Four hundred years of Danish rule, 91 years of Swedish rule - no wonder "syttende Mai" is a big day.

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It wasn't until 1925 that Oslo regained its name from the Danish "Christiania" (all Danish Kings were either Fredrick or Christian and one of them had named Oslo Christiana).

Although people left Norway for many reasons, they were primarily hoping to better themselves. Through letters from America of families that had gone before, the word spread--free land. The Homestead Act of 1862 gave to any settler, U.S. citizen, or alien, who declared his intentions to become a citizen, 160 acres. He was required to live on and cultivate the land for 5 years -- "to prove up the claim". He may also obtain the land by purchasing it for \$1.25 an acre; with no requirement of residence or cultivation. To land-hungry Norwegians, America must truly be the "Land of Opportunity". Imagine free land, and all he had to do was work. This he had been doing all his life for someone else. It was to this land - America - that Hans Martinson immigrated in 1868, the first child of Martin and Thoran Hanson to Clayton County, Iowa, leaving his parents, brothers and sisters to come at a later time.

I am sure Hans was one of the restless ones; anxious to immigrate, to gain freedom, land and wealth. Hans Martinson's family came from Jevnaker, Norway, which is Northwest of Oslo in Oppland County. At that time, I had traced his family back to:

- ①. Hans Tollefsen Haga b. 1748.  
m Marte Jonsdotters 1778, b. 1751  
Children:  
Jon Hanssen b. 1782  
Tobias Hanssen b. 1783  
Hans Hanssen b. 1789
- ②. Hans Hanssen Haga b. 1789  
m Anne Andersdotters 1812 b 1788  
Son: Martin Hanssen b. Jan, 1823 (I'm sure there are other children).
- ③. Martin Hanssen Roen b. 2 Jan. 1823  
d. 5 Dec 1906 Rothsay, Mn  
m Tarran Andersdotter 13 May 1845 at Jevnaker Church. They were working on the Sogn farm.  
b. 27 Oct 1811, Al, Norway  
d 4 Mar 1908 Rothsay Mn.  
Tarran or Thoran parents were Anders Fridricksen and Gunvor Mielddotter of Hammersbo farm, Al Norway.  
Children: Born on the Sogn farm, Jevnaker.  
Hans Martinson b. 6 Apr 1846  
Anders Martinson b 9 June 1848  
Gudbrand Martinson b 28 Dec. 1850  
Tobias Martinson b 27 Aug 1853  
Maren Torine Martinson b. 10 or 13 Jan 1857

The first child of Martin and Thoran Hanssen or Hanson was Hans Martinson b. 6 Apr 1846 on Sogn Farm. Married Martha Jensen 13 Jan. 1871, Clayton County, Iowa.

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Re: Hans Martinson's Family

Gran, Mars 3, 1984.

Dear Mrs. Petersen.

I - Member of Vestoppland Slektshistorielag - will try to answer some of your questions:

I have found 5 children of Martin Hansen:

1. Hans b. April 6, 1846 baptized May 5, 1846, ratified May 5, 1861 emigrated unmarried April 1868.
2. Anders (Andrew) b. June 9, 1848 baptized July 2, 1848, ratified May 13, 1867 emigrated unmarried May 19, 1876.
3. Gudbrand b. Dec. 28, 1850 baptized Mars 31, 1851 ratified May 13, 1866. Not found the emigration data.
4. Tobias b. August 27, 1853 baptized Sept. 30, 1855, ratified May 23, 1869. Not found the emigration data.
5. Maren Torine b. January 13, 1857, baptized April 5, 1857. She left Norway together with her parents May 24, 1883 and a little child: Maren Mathea Tobiasdtr. b. Mars 21, 1874. Her father was Tobias Martinsen, unmarried, and a girl Ingeborg Johannesdtr Enger, was the mother.

Martin Hansen was 60 years old when he left Norway and his wife Taran Andersdtr was 72 years old.

I have not found any children or wife to Hans Martinsen in Jevnaker.

In census 1801 in Jevnaker are Hans Hansen Haga 12 years old. His parents are: Hans Tollefsen Haga 53 years, and Marte Jonsdtr. 50. There are also 2 brothers: Tobias, 18 years and Jon, 19. Hans Tollefsen and Marte Jonsdtr. got married 1778. Hans Hansen and Anne Andersdtr. married 1812 on Haga in Jevnaker.

Anne Andersdtr. was born in Ringerike and are not in the census for Jevnaker 1801, but in the census for Ringerike I found on the farm Raschstad: Anders Haraldsen and wife Eli Trulsdtr. They had 4 children: Marta, 16 years old; Anne, 13; Harald, 11; and Randi 8. Anders Haraldsen had a father: Harald Jorgensen. Eli Trulsdtr. died on Haga, as widow. In 1801 Anders Haraldsen was 49 years and Eli Trulsdtr was 47 years old.

The parents to Taran Andersdtr. was Anders Fridricksen Hammersboneie and Gunnvaar Nieldsdtr. Hagen from Aal parish in Hallingdal. They got married November 4, 1810.

Sincerely,

Hans M. Naess

P.S. I would like to have that book Prof. Gerhard Naeseth is writing on Norwegian Emigrants settling in the Iowa, Minnesota, Wisconsin areas.

Re: Hans Martinson's Family

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Dear Madam,

Referring to your letter of January 21, 1981.

May 13, 1845 Martin Hansen, born at Roeneie, living at Sogneie, 22 years old, married Taran Andersdtr. Hammershoeie, born in Aal parish, 34 years old. His father was Hans Hanssen, her father Anders Fredriksen. (Jevnaker parish register 6, 1837-1857, page 185b, number 8.)

The parish registers of Aal parish are kept at Statsarkivet i Oslo, Postboks 8 Kringsja, Oslo H.

Martin, a son of Hans Hanssen Roeneie and his wife Anne Andersdtr., was born January 2, 1823, and was baptized at Jevnaker church Feb. 2, 1823. (Jevnaker parish register 5, 1815-1837, page 44b, number 10.)

Hans, a son of Martin Hanssen Sogneie and Taran Andersdtr., was born April 6, 1846. (Jevnaker parish reg. 6, 1837-1857, page 32b, number 30.)

Maren Thorine, a daughter of Martin Hanssen Sogneie and Taran Andersdtr., was born January 13, 1857. (Jevnaker parish reg. 6, page 85b, number 24.)

The three dollars you sent have been used for research and postage.

Sincerely,

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Re: Hans Martinson's Family

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Dear Mrs. Peterson:

Thank you for your letter of February 11, with the letter from Hamar. Clearly you have made some progress.

You asked some questions about the names. The January issue of "Norwegian Tracks" included a helpful article on Norwegian farm names.

The "elo" at the end of Sogneie and Hammersboneie and Roeneie is a suffix which denotes a tenant situation. In other words, Martin Hansen was the son of a tenant or cotter, living at Roen; and in 1845 Martin was a tenant or cotter living and working at Sogn. And Taran came also from that kind of situation. As did a great many of our ancestors; this is why so many came to America.

So, Martin Hansen was born on the Roen farm. When he married in 1845, he was living on the Sogn farm. He married a girl who came from the Hammersbo farm in the parish of Aal.

To help resolve the confusion, I am enclosing xeroxed pages from a set called "norske Gardsbruk." Two of the pages describe the Roen farm, two the Sogn farm, each with some parts, in Jevnaker.

As for Hammersbo in Aal, I find a Hamarsboen farm in Hol, which is next door to Aal; description enclosed.

In writing to Oslo, tell what you know about Taran and her parentage, mention both Aal and Hol.

Yours very sincerely,

Gerhard B. Næseth

P. S. Since we last corresponded, the Museum has made some changes; I enclosed an explanatory letter.

I have waited nearly a year for information on Martha's family of the Madeland area of Norway, from Hans Maess of Gran. Fortunately it arrived in December, in time to be included.

Martha Jenson Martinson's Family

1. Nils Christensen Tingelstad  
m. Ragne Hansdotter
2. Jens Nilsen Hvalabyeie b. 21 Jan. 1773  
m. Berthe Syversdotter 24 Jan. 1804 at Moen Church.  
They were living on Sorum Farm. Berthe was b. 1776  
Children:  
Iver Jensen Christened 19 August 1804  
Marthe Jensdotter Chr. 1 Dec. 1805  
Nils Jensen b. 26 May 1808 - died  
Nils Jensen b. 29 Oct. 1810  
Jens Jensen b. 25 Sept. 1812

The above children born on Hvalaby Farm. Ingeborg Jensdotter b. 6 Jan. 1817 on Stated Farm.

3. Jens Jensen Hvalabyeie b. 25 Sept. 1812 on Laehren  
m. Gunnhild Olsdotter Haugeie 26 Jan. 1837  
Gunnhild b. 26 Oct. 1814.  
Children:  
Berthe Jensdotter b. 3 July 1837  
Marthe Jensdotter b. 10 Jan. 1840 d. 25 Mar. 1847  
Iver Jensen b. 10 May 1842 d. 16 Aug. 1842  
Kari Jensdotter b. 17 Sept. 1843 d. 20 Mar 1847  
Ole Jensen b. 20 Feb. 1846  
Jens Jensen b. 4 Oct. 1848 d. in Iowa  
Marthe Jensdotter b. 11 Jan 1852 born on Dvergsten  
Kari Jensdotter b. 11 Jan 1852 Farm. Chr. at  
Brandbu Church  
Ingeborg Jensdotter b. 20 Apr. 1854

In 1866 or 1867 Martha Jenson immigrated with her parents Jens and Gunnhild Jenson, her sister Berthe, brothers Jens and Ole. There is no record of Martha's twin sister Kari immigrating. She may have died. I have heard the story several times that Martha was a twin and now we have proof. The family settled in Clayton County, Marion Township where Martha met Hans Martinson.

I have used the films from the American Lutheran Church Archives in Dubuque, Iowa of the Marion Lutheran Church. The Secretary of the E. Clermont Church has checked their records and we cannot find the record of Hans and Martha's wedding, Martin and Jens' birth or the death or burial of Jens and Gunnhild Jensen. I have yet to check the film of the Norway Lutheran Church at St. Olaf, Iowa. Maybe?

In the 1870 Federal census for Marion Township, Clayton County, Iowa the family is listed as Jenson, Jim age 68, Gunnhild age 55, Jim age 20, Martha age 18. In the 1880 census, they had gone back to Jenson spelling of their name. Jens had died, Gunnhild is 65 years old, Jens is 30 years old and also listed is a child Ole Nelson, age 5.

December 1894

Re: Martha Janson's Family

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Dear LuVerne Petersen!

I have found some relationships to your great grandmother, but I have worked a long time for it, because I had to look in more church registers before I found them.

Martha's sisters and brothers:

Berthe	b. 7-3 chr. 7-10 - 1837 in Sorumseie in Moen
Marthe	b. 1-10 chr. 2-9 - 1840 in Sorumseie in Moen
	d. 3-25 - 1847 by chincough
Iver	b. 5-10 chr. 5-15 - 1842 in Sorumseie in Moen.
	d. 8-16 - 1842
Kari	b. 9-17 chr. 10-1 - 1843 in Gjefseie in Moen.
	d. 3-20 - 1847 by chincough
Ole	b. 2-20 chr. 3-8 - 1846 in Gjefseie in Moen.
Jens	b. 10-4 chr. 11-12-1848 in Gjefseie in Moen.
Marthe and Kari	b. 1-11 chr. 2-29-1852 in Dvergseie in Brandbu.
Ingeborg	b. 4-20 chr. 5-25-1854 in Lundereiet in Gran

Martha's parents were: Jens Jensen Hvalbyeie b. 9-25-1812 on Laehren in Gran. m. 1-26-1837 w. Gunnhild Oldstr. Haugseie b. 10-26-1814.

Jens Jensens parents were: Jens Nilsen Hvalbyeie b. about 21-1-1773 m. 1-24-1804 to Berthe Syversdtr. Sorum in Moen in Gran.

Berthe was born 1776 and chr. 1 Sunday after Easter.

Berthe had more brothers and sisters, and I have found:  
Ditlev b. ab. 1763  
Marthe b. ab. 1775 m. to Torsten Briksen (Farmer on Sorum)  
Siri b. ab. 1780  
Kari b. ab. 1783

Berthe's parents were: Syver Ditlevsen Sorum, d. before 1801, and 10-6-1761 married to Marthe Evensdtr. (60 years in 1801)

Jens Nilsen Hvalbyeies parents were: Nils Christensen Tingelstad and Ragne Hansdtr.

Gunnhild Oldstrs parents were: Ole Larsen Hvamstad (man-servant on Hvamstad farm) married 12-12-1803 to Marthe Larsdtr. Stasted (maidservant on Stasted farm)

Jens Jensen was also living on more places before he left Norway. He was born on Læhren, had 3 children in Sorumseie, 3 children in Gjeftseneie, 2 children in Dvergsteneie, and 1 child on Lundereie, and at last he was living in Hvalskvaern before he left Norway. I think he was a poor man, and was looking for a better position, and when he couldn't find it in Norway, he emigrated to America.

Sincerely,

Hans M. Naess

P.S. I have found some brothers and sisters to Jens Jensen Hvalebyeie: Marthe chr. 12-1-1805, Iver chr. 8-13-1804, Nils b. 5-26-1808 d. and a new Nils b. 10-29-1810, Ingeborg b. 1-6-1817, but no Anna. D.S. all born in Hvalebyeie except Ingeborg. She was born on Stastadeie.



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Dear Mrs. Petersen:

Thank you for your letter of January 3 about your family. I can give you some of the answers. Let's see how we come out.

Several of your questions concern geography. Hadeland is an area made up of four official communities: Gran, Brandbu, Jevnaker and Lunner. To complicate this, at times Brandbu was considered a part of Gran, Lunner a part of Jevnaker. I am returning your map on which I have marked in red roughly where Gran (at the top), then Brandbu (I see that the line should be a little farther north), Jevnaker lower left, and Lunner lower right are in relation to each other. Most of the other names you see on the map are important farms.

You mention Ringerike. Hønefoss is in Ringerike, just to the southwest of Jevnaker. Probably a better known area, perhaps contributing to the mixup in names. What Mr. Naess has done for you is to note exactly where the church book recorded the baptism and the family living. Now since your family is noted as "eie," this means that they were cotters without much in the way of property rights. Thus it was normal for them to move around, in a kind of laborer relationship. In other words, some of the children were born on the Sørum farm in Moen; some on the Gjeisen farm in Moen; some of the Dvergsten farm in Brandbu; some of the Lunder farm in Gran. And as you look at the parents names, you see a similar spread of farm name.

Chincough? I wonder if this isn't chicken cough. By the way, since our earlier correspondence, our Vesterheim Genealogical Center has purchased on microfilm the church records for Toten, and is getting them for Hadeland -- probably too late to be of any help to you.

This week I will see if some of the books in the library do a little more in locating the farms and churches you have indicated. Now about Hans Martinson. I feel quite sure that ~~Vein~~ <sup>Vein</sup> and Roen are farms related to this family.

*Sign*

Yours very sincerely,

*Gerhard B. Naeseth*

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Until this spring when Mother mentioned "my Dad's cousin in Yakima, Wa", I knew very little of Martha's family. I had been unsuccessful in finding her birth record in Ringerike as her obituary states. The "cousin" is Jesseline Otilia Jenson Sparle who wrote me the Jenson family came from Hadeland. Jesseline's father and Martha were brother and sister.

This September, Mother, Richard and I drove to Yakima, WA for the day. Jesseline met us at the door with "I've been waiting for you". She is 97 years old, still lives in her own home with her daughter Billie. Jesseline is a tall, straight, raw-boned Norwegian, alert, sharp, clear mind who has many family stories to tell. She uses a cane, "a little stiff in the morning". She is still able to do hand-work, has made nearly 200 lap robes for the "old folks" in a nursing home and many quilts for her children. Jesseline knows very little about her grandparents Jens and Gunnild Jenson except they had died before her parents were married and were buried in E. Clermont Cemetery. She listed the children of Jens and Gunnild as: 1. Bertha Jenson m. Thomas Gunderson. They had 5 children. 3 boys and 2 girls named Martha & Mathilde. The family moved to San Jose, Ca.

2. Ole Jenson - changed his name to Johnson. They had five children.
3. Jens Jenson (her father) b. 1848 m. Marie Oleson of Malmo, Sweden - 25 Sept., 1882 at the E. Clermont Church, Marion Twp., Clayton County, Iowa. Jens & Marie settled on 20 acres in Marion Twp. Their first home was a dug-out in a hillside. Here the first 2 children, Gina and Jesseline, were born and living with them was Marie's mother. Imagine, 3 adults and 2 children in a dugout! Their next home was a log house.

4. Martha b. 11 Jan. ~~1851~~ or 1852

Jens and Marie Jenson's children: (Jens is Martha's brother)

1. Gina Matthea b. 4 Nov. 1883, Clayton County, Iowa m. Oscar Warnstrom 25 May 1906 in Cedar Rapids, Iowa. She died 26 Aug. 1962 in Pendleton, Oregon.
2. Jesseline Otilia b. 27 Apr 1887, Clayton County, Iowa m. Isaac C. Sparle 24 April 1913 in Yakima, Wa. They had 6 children. She lives at 109-No. 7th Ave., Yakima Washington 98901
3. Joseph Oscar Jenson b. 25 Jan 1889, Clayton County, Iowa m. Grace Berg 14 Feb. 1923 in Panhandle, Texas. Died 17 Dec. 1982 in Guymon, Oklahoma.

4. George Melvin Jenson b. 19 Nov. 1890, Clayton County, Iowa, m. Catherine Whitlow 30 May 1930 in Drumright, OK. Died 11 Feb. 1964 in Las Vegas, New Mexico
5. Bridget Helen b 5 Jan 1895 in Clayton County, Iowa m. Gus Oleson 14 Nov. 1918 in Panhandle, Texas. Died 21 June 1946 in Panhandle, Texas
6. Jennie Mary b 21 Dec 1896, Clayton County, Iowa m. Lus Hill 5 Apr 1916 in Panhandle Texas. Had 5 children. She lives in a nursing home in Guyman, OK.
7. Florence Elvina b. 3 Sept 1907, Clayton County, Iowa m. Peter Duhl 18 Nov. 1925 in Panhandle, Texas. Florence lives near her son on a ranch in Texas.

In 1911, Jens and Marie Jenson moved to Panhandle, Texas where they were wheat farmers. Jens died 2 Dec. 1922 on the train near Kansas City, MO. He was coming home from Fergus Falls, MN where he had been visiting his sister Martha. Marie died 31 Dec. 1922. Both are buried in Oslo Lutheran Cemetery, Panhandle, Texas.

In 1910, Jesseline came to Rothsay to visit and work for Gilbert and Marit Flatin. She met all her cousins and still has pictures of them in her photo book. Jens and Mathilda's wedding picture, Tillie and Thea in their nurses uniform, Thorwald, and even a picture of Pastor Ole Valdeland who married Hans and Martha. In 1912, Jesseline moved to Yakima, Washington to help her sister Gina with their four children. In 1913, Jesseline married Isaac Sparle.

Martha and Hans were married 13 Jan 1878, probably at the E. Clermont Lutheran Church by the Rev. Ole Valdeland. From the records, we know Pastor Valdeland served the Norway, Clermont, and Marion Churches. This information I obtained from Pastor Donald Berg of Decorah, Iowa, who is researching the records of the Lutheran Churches of the area. The marriage record is found in the County Courthouse of Elkader, Iowa, Vol. O. Jan 14 1869 - Dec. 27, 1895, page 6, Line 9, Martha was listed as Martha Jameson. I am sure the family tried to Americanize the name, but at a later time went back to Jensen or Jenson.

I have no proof of my grandfathers birth, but believe he was born in Clayton County, Marion Twp., Iowa on 29 Nov. 1871. At some time there must have been a Martinson Family Bible with all the recorded births and deaths of the Family, but it is apparently lost to us now. When Hans died in 1915, Martha gave a brown leather, with a metal edge and clasp, Norwegian Bible to each of her children. I have my Grandpa Martin's Bible, but only his name is written in the flyleaf. There are no Iowa County or State birth records kept prior to 1880 in either Clayton or Fayette Counties.

It was not unusual to find families moving two or three times before actually homesteading. As the areas in Dane County, Wisconsin, Fillmore County, Minnesota and Clayton County, Iowa became crowded and settled families would decide to move to less populated areas. Wilkin County in West Central Minnesota was available.

It was settled around 1856 in the Breckenridge area and McCauleyville in 1858. In 1868 Wilkin County was organized, named for Col. Alexander Wilkins. The railroad arrived in Rothsay in 1879 and the village was named by a railroad official for his home in Scotland. The Norwegian settlers wanted to name the village Tanberg after Christian Tanberg who platted the town, but the name chosen by the railroad stayed.

Almost all of Wilkins County lies within the bed of the glacial lake called Lake Agassiz, which was over 700 miles long, flowing into Canada. When people who lived in the area talked about the land to the West of Rothsay, they would say, "my uncle lives West of here on the flats". Glacier sediment was built up into layers producing rich soil, later covered with waist high grasses. This was the farm land to be had by applying for a Homestead, flat with no trees, ready for the plow. To the East of Rothsay are wooded rolling hills that produced the timber for building and fuel for the stoves.

Sometime later, before 1883, the Martinson family moved to Tanberg Twp. where Hans received his Homestead patent, in Alexandria MN, Oct. 1888, for the "fourth East quarter of Section 22 in Twp. 135 of range 45". Ulysses S. Grant was president of the United States. Probably all other children were born in Tanberg, Twp.

Thorwald	b. 27 Jan. 1883
Hanna	b. 1 Jan. 1886 d. 30 Apr 1904, buried in Hamar cemetery
Gilbert	b. 13 Dec. 1886
Kathilda	b. 24 June 1889
Hilmer	b. 25 Apr. 1891
Thea	b. 9 Mar. 1893
Josephine	b. 12 July 1895

I do not know when the brick house was built in Tanberg, Twp. It was a grand home. Mother and I visited it in June, 1982 with Clarice Martinson Grina and Kathryn Martinson Flatin Peterson, and Esther Martinson. What a fun day we had. The home is still in good condition, now owned by Morris Ness. Mother remembers visiting the home as a child and of the front parlor that was only used for company. The carpet was cream colored with red roses. The furniture was a heavy dark mahogany with red velvet covering. Probably Eastlake furniture that was very popular at the turn of the century.

The second child of Martin and Thoran Hanson was Andrew Martinson, b. 9 June 1848, who immigrated in 1876, probably directly to his brother Hans in Rothsay. I do not know much about Andrew. The 1900 Federal census lists his occupation as a teamster, wife Karen, no children, living in the village of Rothsay. Living with them is Karen's mother, Marie O. age 76 from Norway and a "hired girl" Gina Johnson b. Mar. 1874.

In Gary Wigdahl's book, "Twist Hill and Prairie", Andrew is listed on the personal tax for Rothsay between pages 80-81. He is mentioned also in the 1895 newspaper the "Rothsay Record". It says "O.J. Schefstad (my maternal great great grandfather) and A. Martinson are digging a well for John Schefstad. They soon will be in some Chinamans rice field if they don't stop".

The third and fourth children of Martin and Thoran Hanson, Guldbrand and Tobias are not listed in the 1900 census of Wilkins County, and the archives in Norway has no date of immigration listed. Perhaps they remained in Norway, but I think not.

The fifth child, Maren Torine, b 10 or 13 Jan. 1857 immigrated with her parents. Martin and Thoran Hanson left Norway on 24 May 1883 coming directly to Rothsay. Maren married Ole Kristianson Krogstad about 1889 in Erskine, MN. Maren died 17 Feb 1947 in Erskine, MN. I have been corresponding with Maren and Ole's third child, Olive Krogstad Love who now lives in a retirement home in Nashville, Tennessee near her son Russel Love and family. The last year or so it has been difficult for Olive to write and her daughter-in-law Barbara Love has been answering my questions. She too is interested in genealogy and working on the Martinson, Krogstad Love families.

Maren and Ole Krogstad had four children.

1. Thaa b. 27 Sept. 1891, m. Oscar Jenson 1913.  
d. Oct 1967 in Effie, MN.  
Children:  
a. Irene Jenson, m. 1st Maurice Love, 2nd Karl F. Johnson  
Children: Sharri, Daniel and Timothy Borman.  
b. Lila m. Lawrence Blackmer, children: Debra, Bruce  
Lawrence  
c. Alvin m. Beverly. Children: Valerie, Lex, Richard  
d. Vernon m. Arlys Children: Tony, Randy, Barry,  
Lesly, Tracy, Laurie
2. Cornelius b. 1 Jan 1895, d. Sept. 1895, Erskine, MN.

3. Olava - Olive b 16 Jan 1897 Erskine, MN  
 m Abraham Love 22 Nov. 1926  
 Children:  
 a. Russell J. Love b 11 Jan 1931 Chicago, Ill  
 m Barbara Williams 19 Aug 1961 Athens, Ohio  
 Steven K. Love 28 Jan 1964 Coral Gables, Fla.  
 Gregory C. Love b 13 Aug 1967 Chicago, Ill  
 b. Calvin Miles Love b 2 Mar 1937  
 m Sue Ungerleider 2 July 1960 Skokie, Ill  
 Children:  
 Peggy Lynn b 27 Apr 1961  
 David Mark b 20 Dec 1962  
 Andrew Ira b 6 Dec 1964
4. Mathilda b 19 Feb 1899  
 m. Adolph Miller  
 Children: Ray, Robert, Doris, Donald Miller

There possibly is a sixth child of Martin and Thorana; a daughter, Johanna, who could have been born between Culdbrand b. 1850 and Tobias, b. 1853 or between Tobias and Karen b. 1857. She is not listed in the birth record from Norway. Little is known of her. From Anna Loff Overby, I learned she married Ernest VonDom of Belgium. Anna tells this story, "I remember Mother (Gusta) and Grandma (Martha) telling of Grandma's Han's sister Anna coming from New York with her beautiful dresses. They were put in the front parlor on the farm, each dress so stiff they stood alone. Anna came to visit while her husband, an importer, was away on business. Later I think they moved to Colorado, where she had a millinery shop. My sister Mabel says they had a liquor store". Anna also remembers Melvin Jenson who had something to do with oil wells in Oklahoma and they would visit with Hans and Martha in Fergus. (Melvin was Martha's nephew.)

When Martin and Thoran left Norway on 24 May 1885 for America to Rothsay, they brought with them their daughter Maren Torine age 26 and also their granddaughter Maren Methea Tabiasdotter, b. 21 Mar 1874 (see Norway Archives sheet page 5). Her father was Tobias and mother Ingeborg Johansdotter Eger of Norway. Previously I mentioned the 1900 census of Andrew Martin, and the "hired girl Gina Johnson". Maren Methea and Gina are the same person. She was either listed incorrectly, names reversed in the recent Norway archives report or at time of birth or since there were two Marena, she may have taken her mothers name. Whatever- Inga Johnson's daughter of Tobias made her home with Andrew and Karen Martinson in Rothsay.

Thoran was a remarkable woman; a strong sturdy Norwegian who left her home in Norway, traveled half-way around the world to a new land at the age of 72. She was 12 years older than her husband Martin and 46 years old when she had her last child. They made their home with Hans and Martha.

Hans and Martha had 13 children, 9 lived to adulthood. We know of one child, Hanna, b. 1 Jan 1886, d. 1904. Then there are two found in the 1880 census, Tolwell b. 1876, Gustave b. 1879, and one more. Anna Cookman heard his name was Ole. A child could have been born in 1880 or 1881. There is also the story of the "two Martins." This story I heard from Anna Loff Overby, Mathilda Martin Isaacson, Olive Krogstad Love that the first Martin could be the missing child.

The marriage date for Hans and Martha (from her obituary) was listed as 6 Jan. 1869. My grandfather Martin was b. 29 Nov. 1871, so there would have been time for a first Martin to be born and died. This has been disproved by the 1870 Iowa census. Martha age 18 is still at home with her parents and the finding of Hans and Martha's wedding date as 13 Jan 1871, Marion Twp., Clayton Co., Iowa. So we still have one more child to be found. I believe the "two Martins" were Martin Hanson and my grandfather Martin Martinson.

Hans Martinson made 13 trips back to Norway; each time bringing more settlers to the area; a total of 27, often helping them finance the trip or a loan to get a start in the new land. He was a man of great wealth, a farmer, land investor, had interests in other business ventures and stockmarket, traveling to many states. He was a stern task-master, a man in control of himself, his business and the family. Martha was a courageous pioneer woman who worked hard in the fields with her husband besides raising the children. She had 16 pregnancies, 13 living children, 9 of whom lived to adulthood. Martha lived long before "women's lib" was even thought of. Hans trotted off to Norway 13 times and there is no record of her even going with him once! She stayed home with all the children and managed the farm. Uff-da! In the records of all her grand and great grandchildren, there is not one named Martha in honor of her.

After the death of Thoran Hanson in 1908, Hans and Martha moved to Fergus Falls to 719 Lakeside Drive W. with daughters Mathilda, Thea and Josie. This was a large two-story victorian home with "gingerbread" porches and a turret, surrounded by elm trees overlooking Lake Alice. The home on Lakeside Drive was destroyed in the cyclone of June, 1919. Martha and daughters Mathilda, Thea and Josie had driven to Fargo for the day or they might have been seriously injured. The home is pictured in the "Great Fergus Falls MN Cyclone" book by Lance E. Johnson on page 49, as unknown. I recognized the small oval window on the upstairs landing as the same house in an old cyclone picture of my mothers. It has been identified and the author notified. The home was rebuilt in 1920 and sold in 1925. Martha made her home with Josie and John Oyen in Fergus until her death on 30 Aug. 1936.

Funeral services were held at 1 p.m. at Bethlehem Lutheran Church with Rev. Quello officiating. Services were held at 3 p.m. at Hamar Lutheran Church in Rothsay. Martha is buried in Hamar Lutheran Cemetery.

Hans Martinson died of pneumonia on 17 Mar 1915 in Fergus Falls, MN. Funeral services were held in Fergus and also from Hamar Lutheran Church with Rev. Langeland officiating. He is buried in Hamar Cemetery, Rothsay, MN.

## Another Pioneer Gone

*d. 17 Mar. 1915*

**Hans Martinson Passes Away At  
His Home in Fergus Falls.**

The inhabitants of Rothsay and vicinity were again surprised and grieved with the sad news of the demise of a former neighbor and well known citizen, when the report of the death of Hans Martinson reached them. Mr. Martinson died at his Fergus Falls home at 6:15, Wednesday evening, after a brief illness of only a week, with double pneumonia.

Mr. Martinson was born in Norway 69 years ago and came to America in 1868, settling in Clayton county, Iowa, where he resided only three years. He then came to Wilkin county and filed on a homestead in Tanberg, two miles and a half northwest of this village, where he and his family resided for many years and where some of his children still reside. He moved to Fergus Falls about eight years ago, where he has spent most of his time since, although he has made frequent visits to Rothsay since, having vast land interests in the vicinity.

Friends of Mr. Martinson, who have known him for 20 years say that he did not look much older the last time they saw him than he did the first time. Mr. Martinson's parents both lived to unusually old ages, his father being 86 and his mother 97 at the time of their respective deaths. Besides a devoted

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wife he leaves nine children to mourn his departure, four of his children having preceded him to the grave. Those living are: Martin, Jens, Thorvald, Gulbrand and Hilmer, all being prosperous farmers in this vicinity, Mrs. Loff of Kent, and Misses Mathilda, Thea and Josephine, who are at home in Fergus Falls.

Mr. Martinson was one of the first settlers of Wilkin county, and made a success as a farmer and business man, having gained a great wealth, owning land in various parts of U S, and has traveled over many of the states, also has made thirteen trips to Norway.

Funeral services will be held in Fergus Falls, Monday afternoon at 2 o'clock and from Flannan church in this village at 2 o'clock, Tuesday afternoon Rev. Langland to officiate. The remains will be laid to rest in the cemetery south of town.

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MRS. HANS MARTINSON DIES AT AGE 86  
30 August 1936

Death has claimed another Rothsay pioneer, this time it being Mrs. Martha Martinson, who passed away Sunday, August 30th at the home of her youngest daughter Mrs. John Oyen in Fergus Falls. Complications due to infirmities of old age, were responsible for her demise.

Mrs. Martinson was born in Ringerike, Norway, Jan. 11, 1851, and came to America with her parents Mr. and Mrs. Jens Jensen, at the age of 15 years. The family settled near Elgin, Iowa, and it was there that she met and married Hans Martinson. They came to Rothsay in the early 70's and homesteaded two and a half miles northwest of this village. They made the trip here in a covered wagon and like many of the other early pioneers, suffered many hardships and deprivations. They made their home in the wagon the first year here and the following year they lived in a sod house for a time and later built a log cabin, hauling the logs from the vicinity of Elizabeth.

They worked hard and prospered and later built the only brick house in the vicinity of Rothsay. In 1908, they retired from the farm and moved to Fergus Falls, where they purchased a fine home, which was partly destroyed by the cyclone in 1919.

Mr. Martinson died in 1915, and since that time Mrs. Martinson had spent considerable time visiting at the homes of her children, making her home during the past 11 years at the home of Mrs. Oyen.

Mrs. Martinson is survived by nine children: Martin of Underwood, Jens of Rothsay, Mrs. Gusta Loff of Abercrombie, N. Dak., Thorwald and Gilbert of Rothsay, Mrs. Matt Isaacson of Fergus Falls, Hilmer of Rothsay, Mrs. Alfred Nelson of Barnesville, and Mrs. John Oyen of Fergus Falls. She is also survived by 42 grandchildren and 27 great grandchildren.

Funeral services were held in the Bethlehem Church in Fergus Falls, Wednesday afternoon at 1 o'clock, Rev. Quello officiating. At 3 o'clock, services were held at Hamar Church in this village, with Rev. Salvason officiating. The five sons and John Loff, a son-in-law acted as pallbearers. The remains were laid to rest alongside those of her husband in the south cemetery.

Descendants of Hans and Martha

Children	grand	great	great	great	Total
Martin	1	1	3	4	10
Jens	12	58	162	86	319
Talvill?	-	-	-	-	1
Luster	7	20	58	22	108
Lustave	-	-	-	-	1
Ole?	-	-	-	-	1
Thorwald	3	7	13	-	24
Hanna	-	-	-	-	1
Lilbert	7	21	19	-	48
Mathilda	1	5	7	-	14
Hilmer	10	43	32	-	86
Thea	2	5	7	-	15
Josephine	3	8	-	-	12
13	46	168	301	112	640

December 1984

DESCENDANTS OF HANS AND MARTHA MARTINSON

I. Martin H. Martinson

b 29 Nov 1871 Clayton Co., Iowa

d 15 Feb 1964 Tacoma, Washington

m. Minnie Josephine Lee

15 Mar 1999 Breckenridge, MN

b 11 May 1880 Manaton Twp. Rothsay, MN

d 20 Aug 1964 Tacoma, Washington

Martin and family lived on a farm in Mitchell Twp. when Ida was born. Moved to Kent in 1903. In 1913 moved to a farm near Rothsay, MN., N.W. 1/4 of Sect. 22, Tanberg, Twp. In 1918 moved to Fergus Falls, MN., returned to farming near Norcross, later to Underwood, MN. In 1943, they moved to Tacoma, WA., and in 1947 lived with Ida and Francis Wilson.

A. Ida Mathilde Martinson

b 2 Mar 1900 Mitchell Twp., Rothsay, MN

Mr. Francis Theodore Wilson

5 Dec 1921 Fergus Falls, MN

b 23 Nov 1900 Dannelly, MN

d 10 Jan 1974 Tacoma, WA

Ida lives at 614 No. Madison, Tacoma, Washington.

1. LuVerne Lois Wilson

b 17 May 1925 Fergus Falls, MN

m John Richard Petersen

8 Sep 1946 Tacoma, WA

b 27 Dec 1922 Tacoma, WA

Lives in Longbranch, WA

a. Jeanette Lois Petersen

b 10 Jan 1949 Tacoma, WA

M. Jeffery A. Charbonneau

14 Apr 1973 Tacoma, WA

b 18 Feb 1950 Rev. WA

(1) Jense' Alana Charbonneau

b 4 Jul 1976 Vaughn, WA

(2) Lisa Nicole Charboneau

b 4 Jul 1976 Vaughn, WA

Lives in Vaughn, WA.

b. Karen Marcia Petersen

b 1 Sep 1952 Tacoma, WA

■ Miles A. Prim

26 Jul 1980 Longbranch, WA

b 26 Apr 1957 Livingston, MT

(1) Tara Marie Prim

b 23 Jun 1984 Fountain Valley, CA

Lives in Fountain Valley, CA

c. Lisa Anne Petersen

b 15 Sep 1955 Tacoma, WA

by David C. Parker

24 Jun 1978 Tacoma, WA

b 29 Aug 1955 Wenatchee, WA

(1) Matthew David Parker

b 12 Sep 1982 Tacoma, WA

Lives in Tacoma, WA.

JENS MARTENSON FAMILY

II. Jens Martinson	b 30 Mar 1874 Clayton, County, Iowa
	d 18 Jul 1949 Rothsay, MN
m. Mathilde Ragna Engelsen	12 Oct 1898 Rothsay, MN
	b 25 Jan 1874 Rothsay, MN
	d 20 Sep 1940 Rothsay, MN

Jens, Mathilda and family lived on a farm near Rothsay, the NW 1/4 of Section 23, Tanberg Twp.

A. Alice Muriel Martinson b 28 Aug 1899 Rothsay, MN  
m. Jesse E. Dodson 27 Nov 1925  
b 1 Nov 1903  
d 18 Jul 1979

Lives in Parsons, Kansas.

1.	Gerald Dodson	b 16 Sep 1926
		d 16 Sep 1926
2.	Marion Clarice Dodson	b 21 Dec 1927
	m. Wm. R. Fitzgerald	b 13 Feb 1945
		d 8 Jul 1923

Lives in So. Ashfield, Mass.

a. Katherine Alice Fitzgerald b 18 Aug 1945  
m Willis F. Dean 2 Apr 1966 Divorced 1980  
m Bud Streeter Oct 1981  
(1.) Timothy Patrick Deane b 8 Oct 1968  
(2.) Pamela Keisten Deane b 7 Dec 1972

b. Judith Marie Fitzgerald b 25 Aug 1946  
m Frannie Graves 27 May 1967 Divorced  
(1.) Amanda Marie Graves b 27 Jan 1971  
Lives in Mass.

c. Mary Patricia Fitzgerald b 8 Apr 1949  
m Peter Montague Aug 1969  
(1) Brenda Ann Montague b 19 May 1949  
(2) Matthew Frank Montague b 17 Mar 1975  
(3) Sarah Montague b 19 Apr 1978  
Lives in Northhampton, Mass.

d. Wm. Richard Fitzgerald b 29 Oct 1952  
m. Lillet Revadenera 31 Jul 1977  
(1) Freida Fitzgerald b 7 Oct 1955  
(2) Andres Marie Fitzgerald b 1 Dec 1981  
Lives in So. Ashfield, Mass.

e. Michael Joseph Fitzgerald b 22 Jun 1958

Jane  
Alice

- b. Gary Earl Williams b 9 Jul 1953  
m Marcie Anne Frisby 20 Apr 1973 Div.  
(1.) Christine Ann Williams b 22 Feb 1976  
(2.) Melinda Sue Williams b 24 Jan 1978  
  
m Marva Shaddoy 26 Nov 1980  
b 24 Jun 1954  
(3.) Randi Marie Williams b 14 May 1981  
(4.) Kaleb Earl Williams b 8 Oct 1983  
  
c. Andy Neil Williams b 5 Oct 1955  
m Pamela McHenry 6 Jun 1976  
b 15 Oct 1953  
Lives in Kansas City, Mo.  
  
d. Timothy Jay Williams b 9 Dec 1956  
m Mary Lou Hechinger 24 May 1977  
b 5 Jul 1959  
(1.) Jill Marie Williams b 24 Feb 1978  
(2.) Julie Elene Williams b 4 Oct 1980  
Lives in Kansas City, Mo.  
  
e. Martin Lee Williams b 24 Sep 1958  
Lives in Kansas City, Mo.  
  
5. Robert Jonell Dodson b 10 Oct 1932  
m Karen Rhea Miller 4 Jun 1959 Div. 1960  
  
a. David Allen Dodson b 15 Jan 1972 Adopted  
  
b. Katherine Eliz Dodson b 21 Sep 1984  
Lives in Kansas City, Mo.  
  
6. Geraldine Dodson b 1936  
d 1936  
  
7. Sharon Ilene Dodson b 31 Aug 1938  
m Leslie F. Beeks 27 Jan 1963  
b 15 Oct 1939  
a. Cynthia Ilene Beeks b 15 Jul 1964  
b. Angelia Carol Beeks b 4 Apr 1967  
Lives in LaVista, Neb.

Alice Martinson Dodson  
7 Children  
19 Grandchildren  
~~24~~ Great-grandchildren  
~~47~~ 50

Jens  
Alice

- b. Gary Earl Williams b 9 Jul 1953  
m Marcia Anne Frisby 20 Apr 1973 Div.  
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Jens  
Harry

4. Ronald Harry Martinson                      b 31 Dec 1943  
   m. Nancy Ann Schultz                      6 Aug 1965  
   b 14 Sep 1945
- a. John Richard Martinson                b 22 Dec 1963 (son of Nancy's 1st m)
- b. James Lee Martinson                   b 9 Feb 1966
- c. Matthew Wade Martinson              b 11 Nov 1969
- d. Amy Jo Martinson                      b 21 Oct 1975  
     Lives in Hutchinson, MN.
5. Timothy Mark Martinson                    b 3 Sep 1954  
   m. Judy Kay Western                      21 Sep 1974  
   b 1 Apr 1953
- a. Tyler Isaac Martinson                  b 13 May 1980
- b. Luke Timothy Martinson                b 19 Apr 1982
- c. Erica Jean Martinson                   b 19 Feb 1984  
     Lives in Worland, Wyoming.

Harry Martinson

5 Children  
15 Grandchildren  
1 Great-grandchild  
16

Jens  
Clara

D. Clara Thelmina Martinson  
m. Anton Julius Anderson

b 13 Jan 1904 Rothsey, MN  
18 Nov 1926  
b 27 Feb 1903

Lives near Foxhome, MN.

1. Orio Justin Anderson  
m. Virginia O'Challa

b 26 May 1927  
29 Nov 1947  
b 11 Nov 1926

Lives in Winthrop, MN.

a. Steven Anthony Anderson  
m. Valerie Sue Stone

b 25 Apr 1949  
16 Aug 1970

b. Renae Sonja Anderson  
m. Terry Martin Wilheem  
(1) Justin Carl Wilheem  
(2) Brady Lynn Wilheem

b 14 Jan 1953  
11 Aug 1972  
b 26 Dec 1978  
b 5 Jul 1980

c. Shelia Rae Anderson  
m. David Honl

b 18 Jan 1956  
30 Jun 1979  
b 1 Jun 1953  
b 12 Mar 1980  
b 28 Sep 1982

(1) Shane David Honl  
(2) Cody Craig Honl

d. Rhonda Sue Anderson  
m. Thomas Wilheem

b 22 May 1958  
12 Jun 1976  
b 10 Jan 1951  
b 1 May 1980  
b 13 Sep 1983

(1) Melissa Dawn Wilheem  
(2) Brett Thomas Wilheem

2. Marcella Carol Anderson  
m. Wilfred Heitkamp

b 3 Nov 1928  
28 Dec 1946  
b 3 Feb 1921

Lives in Breckenridge, MN.

a. Sharon Heitkamp  
m. Gene Henry  
(1) Brian Henry  
(2) Barry Henry

b 17 Nov 1943 (Wilfred's 1st m)  
30 Apr 1963 Div.  
b 26 Sep 1966  
b 14 Nov 1969  
d 2 Jul 1972  
b 8 Dec 1972

(3) Beth Ann Henry

b. Corrine Mae Heitkamp  
m. Bruce Langendorfer

b 14 Jan 1948  
4 Jan 1969  
b 14 Aug 1948  
b 5 June 1971  
b 19 Aug 1974

(1) Sean Langendorfer  
(2) Yvette Langendorfer

Lives in Wahpeton, N.D.

Jens  
Clara

- c. Neil Eugene Heitkamp
  - m. Cheryl Anne Wheelhouse
  - m. Julie Keller
  - (1) Veronica Heitkamp
  - (2) Joshua Willie Heitkamp
  - (3) Angela Heitkamp
- d. Gary Paul Heitkamp
  - m. Carolyn Styer
  - (1) Stacey Heitkamp
  - (2) David Paul Heitkamp
- e. Richard LeRoy Heitkamp
- f. Lynette Kay Heitkamp
  - m. Kenneth J. Klosterman
- g. Anthony Wayne Heitkamp
- h. Scott Bernhard Heitkamp
  - m. Nancy Kappes
  - (1) Nathan Scott Heitkamp
  - (2) Natalie Heitkamp
- i. Danny Lynn Heitkamp
- 3. Calmer Roland Anderson
  - m. Judy Ione Klicker

Lives in Clear Lake, S.D.
- a. Denise Renae Anderson
  - m. Steven Nannestad
  - (1) Joshua John Nannestad
  - (2) Zackary Lynn Nannestad
- b. Jean Marie Anderson
  - m. Larry R. Underberg

Lives in Kearney, Neb.
- c. Kevin Calmer Anderson
 

Lives in Clear Lake, S.D.
- 4. Darlene Joyce Anderson
  - m. Robert Ehlert

Lives on a farm near Foxhome, MN.

b 12 Jan 1950  
 5 Jun 1971 Div.  
 20 Aug 1979  
 b 16 Jan 1975  
 b 24 Feb 1980  
 b 27 Oct 1983  
  
 b 6 Apr 1951  
 8 May 1971  
 b 15 Sep 1971  
 b 3 Sep 1973  
  
 b 16 Oct 1954  
  
 b 1 Jan 1959  
 29 Jul 1978  
 b 25 Jul 1959  
  
 b 28 Jun 1961  
  
 b 14 Aug 1962  
 17 Jul 1982  
 b 29 Sep 1982  
 b 24 Feb 1984  
  
 b 14 Feb 1964  
  
 b 24 Nov 1950  
 3 Sep 1951  
 b 25 May 1932  
  
 b 3 Nov 1952  
 28 May 1972  
 b 6 Feb 1951  
 b 4 May 1977  
 b 31 Dec 1980  
  
 b 3 Feb 1955  
 31 May 1980  
 b 21 Jul 1955  
  
 b 10 Feb 1961  
  
 b 15 Jun 1932  
 24 Oct 1950  
 b 31 Aug 1919

Jens  
Clara

- a. Paul Bernhard Ehlert                      b 22 Apr 1952  
   m. Jane Schrantz                         18 Nov 1972  
    b 15 Jan 1952  
   (1) Casey Ehlert                         b 8 Apr 1975  
   (2) Michael Ehlert                       b 10 Jun 1979  
     Lives on a farm near Foxhome, MN.  
   (3) Gina Rae Ehlert                      b 6 Jun 1984
- b. Robert Allan Ehlert                      b 16 Aug 1953  
   m. Joann Huse                            27 Jun 1975  
    b 16 Jan 1954  
   (1) Robert Ronald Ehlert                b 22 Nov 1978  
   (2) Karl Jo Ehlert                       b 28 May 1980  
     Lives in Fergus Falls, MN.
- c. Carol Jean Ehlert                        b 20 Mar 1955  
   m. Wayne Edward Colby                   29 Jun 1980  
    b 22 Apr 1955  
   (1) Rebecca Lynn Ehlert Colby         b 26 Jul 1981  
   (2) Travis Arthur Ehlert Colby        b 16 Sep 1983  
     Lives in Wahpeton, N.D.
- d. William Lee Ehlert                       b 4 Apr 1956  
   m. Liz Grest                            29 Aug 1981  
     1. William Duane Ehlert               b 6 Jan 1983
- e. Carrie Joann Ehlert                      b 24 Oct 1958  
    d 12 May 1963
- f. Caren Jane Ehlert                        b 7 Dec 1961  
   m. Greg Deal                            26 Sep 1981  
   (1) Emily Suzanna Deal                  b 3 Jul 1984  
     Lives in Fargo, N.D.
5. LeRoy Errol Anderson                    b 16 Oct 1938  
   m. Joan Bonnie Kath                    23 Oct 1959  
    b 29 Jul 1941  
     Lives in Fergus Falls, MN.
- a. Dale LeRoy Anderson                      b 11 Nov 1960  
   m. Bonnie Danielson                    10 Jan 1981  
    b 21 Oct 1961  
   (1) Jill Eleanor Anderson               b 31 Jul 1982  
     Lives in Minneapolis, MN.
- b. Dawn Joan Anderson                      b 18 Jul 1962
- c. Dean Errol Anderson                      b 5 Aug 1967
- d. David Lee Anderson                       b 18 Dec 1969

Jens  
Clara

6. Wanda Lou Anderson b 1 Feb 1940  
m. John Lowell Hought 12 Apr 1959  
b 4 Mar 1941  
Lives on a farm near Foxhome, MN.  
  - a. Tazmy Louise Hought b 1 Feb 1960  
m. Barry Boeson 23 Jun 1979  
b 7 Nov 1960  
(1) Jarrod John Boeson b 2 Jul 1982
  - b. Theresa Lynne Hought b 4 Apr 1961  
m. John Allen Hanson 27 Nov 1982  
(1) Alisha Jean Hanson b 13 Mar 1984
  - c. Timmie Lowell Hought b 1 Jun 1964
  - d. Tony Hought b 4 Feb 1970
7. Keith Arden Anderson b 26 Oct 1941  
m. Eileen Vera Shol 11 Jun 1966  
b 5 May 1943  
a. Todd Anton Anderson b 20 Nov 1966  
b. Bradley Keith Anderson b 18 Dec 1969  
c. Nichole Lee Anderson b 12 Jul 1975  
Lives in Alexandria, MN.
8. Karen Ann Anderson b 3 Nov 1942  
m. Eldon LeRoy Larson 31 Aug 1963  
b 9 Aug 1937  
Lives near Rothsay, MN.  
  - a. Troy Eldon Larson b 22 Oct 1966
  - b. Chad Arthur Larson b 25 Jan 1969
  - c. Elisa Joy Larson b 8 Aug 1971

Jens  
Clara

9. Lynn Allan Anderson	b 10 Jun 1948
m. Judy Ann Thompson	d 21 Feb 1979
	1 Feb 1969
a. Kyle Lynn Anderson	b 7 Sep 1969
b. Kyrk Allan Anderson	b 15 Jul 1971
c. Kelly Derke Anderson	b 21 Oct 1972
Judy A. Thompson Anderson	
m. David Carlson	24 Jul 1980
(1) Ryan Matthew Carlson	b 15 Jun 1981

Clara

9 children  
38 grandchildren  
~~32~~ great-grandchildren  
79

Jens  
Herman

- E. Herman Morris Martinson  
m. Dorothy Elizabeth Farringer  
Live in Pelican Rapids, MN.  
b 5 Jan 1906  
19 Nov 1930  
b 26 Sep 1911
1. Delores Mae Martinson  
m. Donald Orcis Monson  
Lives near Pelican Rapids, MN.  
b 18 May 1931  
17 Jun 1951  
b 1 Oct 1927
- a. Donna Marie Monson  
m. Dale Smith  
(1.) Rachel Smith  
(2.) Sonia Smith  
Lives in Fargo, N.D.  
b 29 Jul 1953  
30 Dec 1978  
b 21 Aug 1948  
b 24 Mar 1970  
b 7 Jan 1974 (first m of Dale Smith)
- b. Diane Renee Monson  
b 3 Jun 1957
2. Elaine Margaret Martinson  
m. Gordon Harold Sneva  
Lives in Brainerd, MN.  
b 8 Jan 1935  
1 May 1954  
b 31 May 1932
- a. Lanny Jay Sneva  
m. Joy Amerud  
b 6 Sep 1954  
12 Jun 1976 Div.
- b. Bradley Jon Sneva  
m. Cindy Martman  
(1.) Katie Ann Sneva  
b 10 Dec 1957  
16 Oct 1982  
b 16 Jan 1958  
b 26 Jan 1983
- c. Brian Lee Sneva  
b 25 Mar 1962
3. Herbert Eugene Martinson  
b 2 Mar 1935
4. Avis Irene Martinson  
m. John Ed. Pearson  
b 14 May 1936  
27 Jun 1958  
b 7 Jun 1953

Jens  
Herman

a. Mark Ed. Pearson b 19 Apr 1959  
m. Debra Susan Tow 21 Mar 1981

b. Gary Allan Pearson b 26 Sep 1960

c. David John Pearson b 10 Aug 1963

d. Scott Daniel Pearson b 16 Dec 1966  
Lives in Moorhead, MN.

5. Lawrence Edwin Martinson b 7 Jul 1937  
m. Anita Jane Thorson 4 Jun 1960  
b 11 Jan 1940  
Lives in Brainerd, MN.

a. Laurie Lynn Martinson b 24 Sep 1961  
m. Mark Levig 19 Apr 1980  
(1) Marcia Ann Levig b 28 Feb 1981  
(2) Melissa Kynn Levig b 27 Aug 1982  
(3) Bret Alan Levig b 23 Jan 1984

b. Leslie Wayne Martinson b 23 Apr 1964

c. Troy Allen Martinson b 9 May 1968

6. Donald Allan Martinson b 13 Oct 1938  
m. Kathleen Gladys Holte 27 Dec 1964  
b 3 Mar 1941

a. Valerie Kay Martinson b 16 Jul 1965

b. Pamela Joy Martinson b 8 Jun 1968

c. Allan Donald Martinson b 11 Jul 1969  
Lives in Pelican Rapids, MN.

7. Morris Eugene Martinson b 14 Feb 1941  
m. Marlene Martha Abbot 13 Jul 1963  
b 15 Aug 1943

a. Monica Martha Martinson b 17 Oct 1968

b. Monte Morris Martinson b 5 Nov 1970  
Lives in Detroit Lakes, MN.

Jens  
Hansen

- |     |                              |                         |
|-----|------------------------------|-------------------------|
| 8.  | Marven LeRoy Martinson       | b 20 Mar 1942           |
|     | m. Winnifred Clara McMullen  | 19 Mar 1966             |
|     |                              | b 13 Jun 1945           |
|     | Lives in Pelican Rapids, MN. |                         |
|     | a. Beth Marie Martinson      | b 22 Jun 1968           |
|     | b. Cindy Martinson           | b 12 Nov 1969           |
| 9.  | Judith Ann Martinson         | b 14 May 1944           |
|     | m. Lawrence J. Grahm         | 17 Nov 1962             |
|     |                              | b 7 Feb 1942            |
|     | a. Terri Allen Grahm         | b 12 Dec 1964           |
|     | b. Craig John Grahm          | b 23 Jun 1967           |
|     | c. Julie Ann Grahm           | b 18 Nov 1973           |
|     | Lives in Frazee, MN.         |                         |
| 10. | Marlene Rose Martinson       | b 18 Jun 1945           |
|     | m. Donald Reinhold Matz      | b 19 Sep 1964           |
|     |                              | b 25 May 1940           |
|     | a. Kevin Don Matz            | b 26 Mar 1968           |
|     | b. Keith Eugene Matz         | b 12 Sep 1971           |
|     | Lives in St. Cloud, MN.      |                         |
| 11. | Carol Ilene Martinson        | b 29 Jul 1947           |
|     | m. Duane Arvin Haiby         | 18 Sep 1965             |
|     |                              | b 24 Apr 1946           |
|     | a. Steven Wayne Haiby        | b 28 Aug 1966           |
|     | b. Dennis Haiby              | b 17 Jun 1970           |
|     | Lives in Pelica Rapids, MN.  |                         |
| 12. | Linda LuJean Martinson       | b 23 Jun 1949           |
|     | m. LeRoy C. Miller           | 19 Mar 1972             |
|     |                              | b 22 Nov 1945           |
|     | a. Kimberly Lynn Miller      | b 28 Apr 1975           |
|     | b. John Coleman Miller       | b 24 Mar 1982 (Adopted) |

Jens  
Herman

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|------------------------------|---------------|
| 13. Connie Joy Martinson     | b 26 Feb 1954 |
| m. Vernon Wifall             | 7 Jun 1975    |
|                              | b 25 Oct 1975 |
| a. Lisa Kay Wifall           | b 18 Jul 1977 |
| b. Nikki Jo Wifall           | b 4 Aug 1980  |
| c. Jesse Edward Wifall       | b 26 Nov 1982 |
| Lives in Pelican Rapids, MN. |               |

Herman Martinson

13 Children

30 Grandchildren

~~6~~ Great-grandchildren

~~49~~

Jens  
Effie

- F. Effie Marjorie Martinson  
m Rollie James Rix  
b 19 Sep 1907 Rothsay, MN  
21 Nov 1931  
b 22 Aug 1902  
d 8 Aug 1978  
Effie lives in Fergus Falls, MN
1. Wylene Marjorie Rix  
m Albert Earl Melkert  
b 8 Jun 1932  
20 Jan 1952  
b 28 Aug 1925  
Lives on a farm near Erhard, MN.
- a. Denny Lee Melkert  
m Cheryl Heggen  
b 26 Aug 1952  
3 Aug 1973  
b 6 Sep 1954  
(1.) Lisa Rae Melkert b 26 Aug 1975  
(2.) Amie Jo Melkert b 17 Feb 1978  
Lives near Rothsay, MN.
- b. Gregory Earl Melkert b 13 Mar 1955
- c. Becky Lynn Melkert b 10 May 1956  
m James Lloyd Baumgartner 15 Jun 1974  
b 11 Sep 1954  
(1.) Larry James Baumgartner b 16 Nov 1973  
(2.) Jason Paul Baumgartner b 23 Feb 1980  
Lives in Breckenridge, MN.
- d. Kevin Albert Melkert b 2 May 1962  
m Linda Richards 20 Oct 1984 (She has a  
daughter Nichole 6 yrs)
- e. Brian Rollie Melkert b 7 Oct 1969
2. Beverly Ann Rix b 13 Dec 1933  
m Robert Earl Richards 11 Sep 1954  
b 27 Jul 1926  
Lives in Moorhead, MN.
- a. Douglas Robert Richards b 9 Feb 1956  
m Tamara Jean Zummech 23 Sep 1978  
b 10 Sep 1959  
(1.) Craig Douglas Richards b 30 Mar 1983  
Lives in Moorhead, MN.
- b. Brenda Kay Richards b 17 Jun 1959
- c. Bradley Earl Richards b 19 Apr 1961  
Lives in Moorhead, MN.

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## h In Fergus

Jens  
Junith

- H. Junith Myrtle Martinson b 21 Sep 1910  
 m Jeffrey Milton Christenson 5 Dec 1929  
 b 13 Oct 1899  
 d 21 Apr 1938
- Junith lives in Fergus Falls, MN.
1. Joseph Maynard Christenson b 15 Feb 1938  
 m Sally Mae Forma 30 Nov 1957  
 b 5 Sep 1934
- Lives in Fergus Falls, MN.
- a. Jody Lynn Christenson b 10 Oct 1958  
 m Ronald Herbert Brasel 7 Aug 1982
- b. Jane Ailene Christenson b 11 Jan 1960  
 m Todd Champ 27 Nov 1982  
 (1.) Jeremiah Champ b 15 Dec 1984
- c. Jay Joseph Christenson b 28 Jun 1968
2. Jeffrey Milton Christenson b 30 Aug 1932  
 m Betty Joan Lloyd 27 Sep 1952  
 b 28 Feb 1933
- Lives in Fergus Falls, MN.
- a. Barbara Ann Christenson b 6 Mar 1952  
 m Michael Ystebroe 1 Sep 1972  
 b 30 Dec 1952  
 (1.) Brook Stephanie Ystebroe b 7 Oct 1974  
 (2.) Branden Ray Ystebroe b 28 Aug 1978
- Lives in Fargo, N.D.
- b. Linda Kay Christenson b 22 Jun 1954  
 m Mark Wesley Skriem 21 Dec 1974  
 b 2 Dec 1952  
 (1.) Timothy Mark Skriem b 5 Oct 1978  
 (2.) Terri Michelle Skriem b 22 Apr 1979
- Lives in St. Cloud, MN.
- c. Jeffrey Milton Christenson, Jr. b 6 Jun 1955  
 m Jennifer Weiss 26 Apr 1975 Div.  
 m Amy Beth Doyle 15 Jul 1983  
 (1.) Alexis May Christenson b 16 Mar 1984
- Lives in Fergus Falls, MN.
- d. Jon Timothy Christenson b 4 Jun 1960  
 m Monica Marie Seipel 10 May 1980 Eau Claire, WI  
 b 4 Dec 1958  
 (1.) Gabriel Jon b 8 Nov 1984
- Lives in Fergus Falls, MN.

Jens  
Jonith

- e. Pamela Jean Christensen      b 5 Mar 1965  
     m Bruce Allen Stone      5 Nov 1983  
     (1) Tyler Bruce Stone      b 5 May 1984  
     Lives in Moorhead, MN.
3. Maxine Mae Christenson      b 29 May 1934  
     m Eddie Huotari      21 Mar 1953      Div.  
     m Kenneth Lee      2 Sep 1972  
     Lives in Glenwood, MN.
- a. Cynthia Marie Huotari      b 7 Oct 1953  
     m Steve Skodje      5 Nov 1970  
     (1) Chris Steven Skodje      b 15 Sep 1953  
     (2) Casey Charles Skodje      b 24 Dec 1970  
                                     b 22 Aug 1978
- b. Mark Owen Huotari      b 19 Jul 1955  
     m Diane Gauthier      8 Aug 1981  
     (1) Chase Martin Huotari      b 9 Feb 1982  
     Lives in Texas.
- c. Lynette Jean Huotari      b 29 Dec 1957  
     m Claude Smith      6 Sep 1980  
     (1) Taylor Allen Smith      b 21 Apr 1959  
     Lives in Glencoe, MN.      b 19 Jul 1982
- d. Danny Lee Huotari      b 8 Dec 1958
- e. Sonia Rae Huotari      b 4 Aug 1961  
     m John Richard Gandrud      1 Sep 1979  
     (1) Matthew John Gandrud      b 14 May 1960  
     (2) Sarah Marie Gandrud      b 9 Jan 1982  
     Lives in Villard, MN.      b 31 May 1984
- f. Monte Jay Huotari      b 1 Aug 1964
4. David Lyle Christenson      b 15 Jun 1937  
     m Sylvia J. Sampson      11 Feb 1961  
                                     b 19 Jun 1942  
     Lives in Fergus Falls, MN.
- a. Carrie Rae Christenson      b 8 Jan 1962  
     m Charles Wayne Brue      13 Nov 1982  
     (1) Titus Wayne Brue      b 15 Oct 1984

Jens  
Junith

- b. Scott David Christenson      b 23 Dec 1962  
    m Valerie Denise Hajek        23 Jun 1984
  - c. Dawn Renae Christenson      b 27 May 1964
  - d. Carla Jo Christenson        b 2 Mar 1967
  - e. Debra Kay Christenson       b 2 Apr 1970
  - f. Bradley David Christenson   b 5 Nov 1972
- H. Junith Hyrtle Martinson Christenson
  - m Sigurd Christenson            20 Mar 1962  
                                      b 26 Jun 1904
- 5. Sanford Orlyn Christenson      b 21 Jul 1943  
    m Katrina Mae Carnett        2 Jun 1967  
                                      b 29 May 1947
  - a. Alicia Diane Christenson    b 25 Jul 1970
  - b. Jason Allen Christenson     b 4 July 1972  
    Lives in Fergus Falls, MN.
- 6. Ruth Arlene Christenson       b 5 Dec 1944  
    m Robert Lowell Vettrus       26 Sep 1964  
                                      b 16 Sep 1943
  - a. Shane Alan Vettrus         b 11 Nov 1969
  - b. Ryan Michael Vettrus       b 22 Feb 1977  
    Lives in Fairbault, MN.
- 7. Paul Leslie Christenson       b 17 Jun 1946  
    m Mary Jo Melby               22 Jun 1968  
                                      b 6 Dec 1947
  - a. Charles Paul Christenson   b 2 Sep 1970  
                                      d 15 Nov 1982
  - b. Matthew Jon Christenson    b 25 Feb 1973
  - c. Benjamin Lee Christenson   b 18 Nov 1977  
    Lives on a farm south of Foxhome, MN.

Jens  
Junith

- |     |  |   |
|-----|--|---|
| 8.  | Mary Jo Christenson<br>m David Paul Tonneson               | b 29 Aug 1952<br>6 Apr 1974                         |
|     | a. Deanna Joy Tonneson                                     | b 25 Jan 1976                                       |
|     | b. Denny Paul Tonneson                                     | b 8 Nov 1977  |
|     | c. Nathan Alan Tonneson<br>Lives near Fergus Falls, MN.    | b 19 Aug 1983                                       |
| 9.  | Joel Lynn Christenson<br>m Debbie Seastedt                 | b 5 Jan 1954 (twin)<br>17 Aug 1974                  |
|     | a. Stacy Jane Christenson                                  | b 27 Apr 1954<br>b 19 May 1979                      |
|     | b. Dustin Joel Christenson<br>Lives near Fergus Falls, MN. | b 8 Mar 1982  |
| 10. | Jerry Lee Christenson<br>m Charlene Thompson               | b 5 Jan 1954 (twin)<br>23 Nov 1974<br>b 31 Jul 1956 |
|     | a. Jeremiah Lee Christenson<br>Lives in Moorhead, MN.      | b 9 Nov 1979  |
|     | b. Anna Marie Christenson                                  | b 8 Dec 1984  |

Junith

10 Children  
33 Grandchildren  
15 Great-grandchildren  
58

Jens  
 Esther  
 Ruby

I. Esther Melvina Martinson b 3 May 1912  
 Lives in Rothsay, MN in the home of her parents, Jens and Mathilda Martinson. She worked in the telephone office about 30 years; now retired.

J. Ruby Henrietta Martinson b 25 Jun 1914, Rothsay, MN  
m Gilman Anderson 7 Apr 1937  
 b 5 Mar 1901  
 Lives near Tarrebonne, Oregon.

1. Margaret Carol Anderson b 14 May 1938  
 m James Bratcher 21 Jan 1967  
 a. Susan Carol Bratcher b 1 Aug 1968  
 b. David James Bratcher b 13 Jul 1970  
 Lives in Rockville, Maryland.
2. Russel Gilman Anderson b 17 Aug 1941  
 m Karlan Elaine Trachael 8 May 1965 Div.  
 b 29 Aug 1946  
 a. Tracy Lynn Anderson b 22 Dec 1965  
 b. Theresa June Anderson b 23 Dec 1969  
 Lives in Oregon.
3. Michael Jens Anderson  
 Lives in Oregon.
4. Steven Lynn Anderson b 26 Jun 1947  
 m Diane Zeigler 29 Mar 1969  
 b 21 Mar 19--  
 a. Eric Steven Anderson b 13 Oct 1969  
 b. Kristina Diane Anderson b 6 Jan 1972  
 Lives in Corvallis, Oregon.

Ruby  
4 Children  
6 Grandchildren  
 10

Jens  
Ella  
Lester

- K. Ella Rosella Martinson  
m Harold Gesling  
b 23 Feb 1916 Rothsay, MN  
22 Jul 1944  
b 27 May 1916  
Lives in Mechanicville, Iowa.
1. Michael Robert Gesling  
m. Linda Kay Flockhart  
b 27 Apr 1945  
19 Jun 1964  
a. Sherri Lynn Gesling  
b 27 Apr 1945  
b 25 Jul 1967 (Adopted)  
b. Kimberly Ann Gesling  
b 10 Aug 1970  
Lives near Mechanicville, Iowa.
2. Kay Marie Gesling  
m Jim Butler  
b 3 Mar 1947  
26 Jul 1969  
a. Elizabeth Ann Butler  
b 31 Aug 1946  
b 12 Jul 1977  
b. Christina Marie Butler  
b 21 Jul 1980  
c. James Andrew Butler  
b 2 Dec 1985  
Lives in Plainview, Conn.
3. John Jens Gesling  
b 29 Aug 1948
4. Denis Lor Gesling  
m Wayne Leaf  
b 1 Jul 1953  
19 Sep 1972 Div.  
a. Jason Wayne Leaf  
b 11 Jan 1973  
a David Robert Seiler  
1 Jul 1982  
Lives in Newark, Ohio
5. Charles Dean Gesling  
m Candi Ferguson  
b 3 Sep 1958  
28 Apr 1984  
Lives in Stanwood, Iowa.

Ella

5 Children  
7 Grandchildren  
12

- L. Lester Woodruff Martinson  
m Georgine Madeline Wahl  
b 1 Nov 1917  
30 Jul 1946  
b 30 Mar 1927  
Lives in Rothsay, MN.

JENS

12 Children  
58 Grandchildren  
162 Great-grandchildren  
86 Great-great-grandchildren  
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Gusta  
AnnaIII. Towell Martinson

b 1876

IV. Gusta Martinson

m John Henry Loff

b 30 Oct 1877 Rothsay, MN  
 d 9 Mar 1976 Abercrombie, N.D.  
 18 Jul 1901 Rothsay, MN  
 b 19 Feb 1878 Gudbjerg, Denmark  
 d 1960 Abercrombie, N.D.

John Loff owned a general store in Kent, MN and moved to Abercrombie where he operated another general store.

A. Anna Margaret Loff

m Melvin Ingbrigt Overby

b 7 Jul 1902 Kent, MN.  
 12 Dec 1929  
 d 29 Sep 1970 Abercrombie, N.D.

Anna lives in Abercrombie, N.D.

## 1. Dale Marilyn Overby

m Eileen L. Nettkopp

a. Debra Jean Overby

m Allen Anthony Newbar

b 14 Apr 1931 Abercrombie, N.D.  
 29 Aug 1952 Barney, N.D.  
 b 18 Feb 1955 Barney, N.D.  
 11 Sep 1982

b. Dean Marlin Overby

b 8 Mar 1956 Barney N.D.

c. Janice Kay Overby

m David Byron Rupp

1. Tyler David Rupp

b 17 Apr 1957  
 4 Dec 1976 Edgeby, N.D.  
 b 10 Sep 1980

d. Lonnie Jo Overby

b 3 Mar 1962 Calchutte, N.D.

e. Kyle Dale Overby

f. Jade Cole Overby

b 23 Feb 1974 Ellendale, N.D.

Dale and Eileen live on family farm of Anna and Melvin Overby.

## 2. David Dean Overby

m Anne Marie Shults

a. David Dean Overby

m Mandy-

1. Christine Ann Overby

b 8 Nov 1934 Abercrombie, N.D.  
 San Leanders, CA  
 b 5 Apr  
 Jun 1979  
 b 2 Nov 1980

b. Deborah Deanna Overby

m Sterling Springs

b 17 Sep  
 3 Oct 1981 Loomis, CA

c. Daniel Overby

b 8 Feb

d. Daren Overby

b 21 Jan 1973

Lives in Loomis, CA.

Gusta  
Anna

3. Daryl Melvin Overby                    b 19        1939 Abercrombie, N.D.  
    m Jane Suzanne Alm                    10 Sep 1960 Wolverton, MN  
    a. Laurie Rae Overby                   b 18 Aug 1961 Abercrombie, N.D.
- b. Betty Sue Overby                    b 10 Nov 1962 Abercrombie, N.D.
- c. Tammy Lynn Overby                   b 31 Oct 1969 Galchutte, N.D.
- d. James Daryl Overby                   b 24 Jan 1972 Galchutte, N.D.
- e. Gerald James Overby                   b 23 Jan -     Galchutte, N.D.  
    Lives on a farm near Abercrombie, N.D.
4. Diane Janice Overby                   b 21 Apr 1941 Abercrombie, N.D.  
    m Hjalmer Hendrickson                   20 Jun 1959 Galchutte, N.D.  
    m Richard Ista                        6 Jan        Moorhead, MN.  
    a. Donae Kae Hendrickson               b 15 Mar 1961 Abercrombie, N.D.

Gusta  
Mabel

B. Mabel Henrietta Loff  
m Bernhard Bakken

Mabel lives in Fargo, N.D.

b 4 Dec 1905 Kent, MN  
b 2 Dec 1895 Hickson N.D.  
d 13 Dec 1943 Abercrombie, N.D.

1. Leanne Bakken  
m Orris Ganshaw  
a. William Ganshaw  
b. Laurel Ganshaw  
m Jay Vagts  
1. Natalie Vagts

b 15 Sep 1922 Abercrombie, N.D.  
25 Oct 1943  
b 21 Feb 1932 Fargo, N.D.

- c. Mark Ganshaw  
m Sonja Schmidt  
1. Jacob Ganshaw

b 3 Oct 1954 Jamestown, N.D.  
Colfax, N.D.  
b 24 Feb 1982

2. Berton Bakken  
m Marion Walden  
a. Bonnie Bakken  
m Larry Young  
1. Young  
2. Young  
Lives in San Diego, Ca.

b 2 Aug 1924  
14 Sep 1948 Fargo, N.D.  
b 27 Jun 1949  
30 Jun 1973 LaHarere, N.D.

- b. Brian Bakken  
m Robin Winterbloom  
1. Son Bakken  
2. Son Bakken

b 24 Mar 1950  
Sacramento, CA

- c. Brenda Bakken  
m Leo Unternilty  
1. Twin Girls  
Lives in Sacramento, CA.

b 10 May 1952  
Sacramento, CA  
b 26 Apr 1963

- d. Bonita Bakken  
m Monty Gensua  
1. Son  
2. Son

b 18 Feb 1954  
Reno, Nevada

- e. Barrie Bakken

b 28 May 1966

Gusta  
Mabel  
Magnus

3. Darlene Bakken  
m Earl Keland  
Lives in Sisseton, S.D.  
 a. Denise Keland  
   m Robert Kruse  
     1. Tarry Kruse  
     2. Randy Kruse  
     3. Mechail Kruse  
   Lives in Winona, MN.  
 b. Lance Keland  
   Lives in Minneapolis, MN.  
 c. Kevin Keland  
   m Annette Kroft  
     1. Bryant Darin Keland  
     2. Lynsey Marie Keland  
 b 9 Sep 1928  
   Jun 1943  
 b 7 Mar 1943  
   Dec 1963  
 b 20 Jul 1964  
 b 18 Sep 1965  
 b 10 May 1969  
 b Nov 194-  
 b 28 Mar 1949  
   1 Jun 1973 Bismark, N.D.  
 b 26 Jun 1975  
 b 28 Apr 1978
4. Janet Bakken  
 b 11 Nov 1931  
 d 30 Jan 1932
5. Carole Bakken  
 m William Herzog  
 a. Paul Herzog  
 b. Kay Herzog  
 c. Leah Herzog  
   Lives in Chadron, Neb.
- C. Magnus Harry Loff  
 m Agnes Bakken  
 1. Denman Loff  
   m Mary -  
   a. John Craig Loff  
   b. Jeffrey Loff  
   c. Scott Loff  
 2. Roger Loff  
   m Carol Hansen  
   m Judy  
   a. Debra Loff  
   b. Gary Loff  
   c. Karen Loff  
   d. Roger Loff  
 b 9 Sep 1905 Kent, MN  
 d 28 Aug 1972 Reno, Nev.  
   10 Sep 1926 Moorhead, MN  
 b 6 Mar 1907 Abercrombie, N.D.  
 b 25 Dec 1927 Abercrombie, N.D.  
 b 8 Oct 1931 Abercrombie, N.D.

Gusta  
John  
Eva

- D. John Henry Loff  
 m Minnie Solon
1. Lavonne Loff  
 m Wallace Rustang
- a. Daniel Rustang  
 m Pamela Ernest  
 1. Angela Rustang  
 2. Rebecca Rustang
- b. Vickie Rustang  
 m Lyn Syertson  
 1. Haley Syertson  
 2. Marshall Syertson  
 3. Courtney Syertson
- c. John Rustang  
 m Joan Stenetjen
- d. Thomas Rustang
- e. James Rustang
2. Terry Loff  
 m Clifford Bates  
 a. Scott Bates  
 b. Monty Bates  
 c. Brian Bates
- E. Eva Catherine Loff  
 m Urban Oscarson  
 Lives in Kenning, MN.
1. Linda Nell Oscarson  
 m Todd H. Hansen  
 a. Marian Amelia Hansen  
 b. Andrea Brin Hansen
2. Pamela Ruth Oscarson  
 m Glen W. Johnson  
 a. Kya Lee Johnson  
 b. Karl Lynn Johnson
3. Neal Robert Oscarson  
 m Terry Lillejard  
 a. Mark Howard Oscarson
4. Evan Charles Oscarson  
 m Mary Frances Olson
- b 25 Sep 1907 Kent, MN  
 d 25 Mar 1967  
 Sep Moorhead, MN  
 b 8 Jun 1907 Wolverton, MN
- b 1 Oct 1930 Abercrombie, N.D.  
 Abercrombie, N.D.
- b 24 Dec 1952 Fargo, N.D.  
 S.D.  
 b- Fargo, N.D.  
 b- Fargo, N.D.
- b 2 Feb 1954 Fargo, N.D.  
 Abercrombie, N.D.  
 Abercrombie, N.D.  
 Abercrombie, N.D.  
 Abercrombie, N.D.
- b 26 Jun 1956 Fargo, N.D.  
 Hatford City, N.D.
- b 6 Dec 1957 Fargo, N.D.
- d Aged 2
- b 30 May 1944 Fargo, N.D.
- b 23 Nov 1963 Abercrombie, N.D.
- b 6 Jun 1966 Abercrombie, N.D.
- b 26 Apr 1975 Abercrombie, N.D.
- b 7 Sep 1909 Kent, MN
- b 6 Jun 1940
- b 8 Dec 1976  
 b 8 Feb 1978
- b 13 Jul 1945
- b 5 Nov 1976  
 b 7 Jun 1978
- b 21 Aug 1948
- b 27 Oct 1980
- b 10 Aug 1952

Gusta  
Ruth  
Esther

F. Ruth Loff

b 1 Jul 1911  
d 1914 Kent, MN.

G. Esther Viola Loff  
m James Andrea Flaa

b 18 Jan 1915 Kent, MN.  
b 13 Apr 1920 Abercrombie, N.D.  
d 3 Jan 1973 Abercrombie, N.D.

Esther lives in Abercrombie, N.D.

1. John Loff Flaa  
m Joanne Synrud  
a. John Christopher Flaa

b 21 Feb 1944  
17 Jul 1965  
b 26 Jan 1969

- b. Sandra Lynn Flaa

b 31 Dec 1966

- c. Brandon James Flaa

b 1 Dec 1966 Kindred, N.D.

John is a Lutheran Minister in Kindred, N.D.

2. Jan Cynthia Flaa  
m Jerveld Ulven  
a. Jan Kaye Ulven

b 19 Sep 1946  
6 Sep 1968  
b 1 Oct 1973

- b. James Jerold Ulven

b 2 Aug 1974

- c. Jill Michelle Ulven

b 26 Nov 1979

- d. Jonathan Ryan Ulven

b 8 Dec 1981

3. Andrea Gail Flaa  
m Terry Forness  
a. Jeffrey Andres Forness

b 2 Jul 1952  
24 Jul 1976  
b 7 Oct 1979

- b. Stephanie Michelle Forness

b 29 Sep 1982

GUSTA

7 Children  
20 Grandchildren  
58 Great-grandchildren  
22 Great-great-grandchildren  
107

V. Gustave Martinson

b Sep 1879

VI. Ole? Martinson

b

Thorwald  
Williams  
Kathryn

VII. Thorwald Martinson

m Clara Skriden

b 27 Jan 1883 Rothsay, MN  
d 30 May 1941 Rothsay, MN  
Rothsay, MN  
b 20 Sep 1885 Rothsay, MN  
d 1 Apr 1978 Rothsay, MN

Thorwald's farm was the S.E. 1/4 Sect. 8 Trondjem Twp., Ottertail Co., near Rothsay.

A. William Martinson  
m Orion Hailey

b 30 Oct 1914 Rothsay, MN  
22 Nov 1939  
b 13 Aug 192-  
b 13 Feb 1940  
d 18 Aug 1942

1. Patsi Lou Martinson

2. Duane Martinson  
m Eileen Knutson  
a. Bradley Martinson

b 4 Aug 1943  
10 Aug 1965 Div.  
b 17 Aug 1965

b. Gregory Martinson

b 13 Feb 1968

c. Dawn Martinson

b 7 Jun 1972

d. Jeffrey Martinson

b 18 Dec 1973

e. Randy Martinson

b 2 Sep 1975

3. Virgil Martinson  
m Myrna Hagen  
a. Patsi Lou Martinson

b 15 May 1946  
18 Sep 1965  
b 29 Oct 1968

b. Pamela Lynn Martinson

b 17 Dec 1971

B. Kathryn Martinson  
m John Flatin

b 11 Mar 1916 Rothsay, MN  
16 Mar 1941 Rothsay, MN  
b 11 Nov 1910  
d -

m Randy Peterson

1. Joan Flatin  
m Tony Rice  
a. Alissa Jo Rice

Jun 1984  
b 1 Nov 1941 Rothsay, MN  
8 Jun 1968 Div.  
b 14 Mar 1971 Phoenix, Az.

b. John Rice

b 27 Sep 1972 New Beach, CA

2. Robert John Flatin  
m Sharon Anderson  
a. Melissa Jo Flatin

b 15 Feb 1945 Rothsay, MN  
4 Jan 1964 Rothsay, MN  
b 10 Oct 1974 Rothsay, MN

b. Michael John Flatin

b 27 Oct 1976 Rothsay, MN

Thorwald  
James

C. James Martinson  
m Evelyn Hawley

b 10 Jan 1918 Rothsay, MN  
10 Oct 1943  
b 1 Mar 1921

1. Bonita Martinson  
m Thomas Fosse

b 31 Dec 1944 Rothsay, MN  
2 Apr 1965

a. Brian Fosse

b 12 Dec 1944  
b 3 Nov 1965

b. Teresa Fosse

b 15 Jun 1969

2. Richard Martinson  
m Sheila Calevace

b 9 Oct 1946 Rothsay, MN  
31 Oct 1970 Rothsay, MN  
b 6 Sep 1944

THORWALD

3 Children

7 Grandchildren

13 Great-grandchildren

23

VIII. Hanna Martinson

b 1 Jan 1886 Rothsay, MN  
d 30 Apr 1904 Rothsay, MN

Gilbert  
Clarice  
Hazel

IX. Gilbert Martinson

m Minnie Skriden

b 13 Dec 1886 Rothsay, MN  
d 30 Nov 1964 Rothsay, MN  
30 Jun 1918 Rothsay, MN  
b 25 Sep 1892 Rothsay, MN  
d 12 Oct 1975 Rothsay, MN

Lived on a farm near Rothsay -- NW 1/2 Sect 26 Tanberg Twp.

A. Clarice Margaret Martinson  
m Orris B. Grina

b 15 Jun 1919 Rothsay, MN  
30 Nov 1941 Rothsay, MN  
b -  
d 29 Mar 1975 Rothsay, MN

1. Phyllis Grina  
m Dewayne Balke

b 22 Feb 1943 Rothsay, MN  
6 Jul 1963

- a. Robin Balke
- b. Darin Balke
- c. Tracey Balke

b 10 Dec 1963 Rothsay, MN  
b 8 May 1966 Rothsay, MN  
b 24 Jun 1969 Rothsay, MN

2. Bruce Grina

b 31 Mar 1952 Rothsay, MN

B. Hazel Jessamine Martinson  
m James T. Kaine

b 15 Jan 1921 Rothsay, MN  
25 Sep 1945 Rothsay, MN  
b 18 Sep 1919

1. Mary Kaine  
m Dennis Biros

b 24 Jan 1941  
19 Jun 1964  
b 6 Sep 1938

- a. Mary Biros
- b. Anne Biros
- c. Denice Biros
- d. Cathy Biros

b 19 Aug 1963  
b 6 Dec 1967  
b 9 Dec 1969  
b 22 Dec 1971

2. Maurice Kaine  
m Nelson Wright

b 24 Nov 1946  
16 Dec 1967

- a. Brian Wright
- b. Christopher Wright
- c. Heather Wright

b 9 Nov 1971  
b 9 Nov 1974  
b Aug 1979

3. Debbie Kaine  
m Terrance Johnson

b 28 Mar 1951  
16 Oct 1971

- a. Eric Johnson
- b. Keri Johnson

b 6 Sep 1973  
b 9 Aug 1977

4. Michael Kaine  
m Marianne

b 25 Jan 1956  
13 Jun 1981

Gilbert  
Louella  
Marcella  
Charles

- C. Louella Oleile Martinson b 15 Apr 1923 Rothsay, MN  
d 9 Jan 1980  
m Walter Bjorkland 18 Jun 1946
1. Warren Bjorkland b 23 Oct 1946
  2. Roger Bjorkland b 1 Jul 1948
  3. Joyce Bjorkland b 13 Nov 1950
  4. Paul Bjorkland b 18 May 1960
- D. Oscar Sylvester Martinson b 9 Jan 1926 Rothsay, MN
- E. Chester Wilbur Martinson b -  
d -  
m Myrtle Trosvig  
3 daughters
- F. Marcella Genevieve Martinson b 27 Apr 1929  
m Vernon Nettekstad 30 Jun 1948  
Live in Tintah, MN.
1. Thomas Nettekstad b 16 Sep 1949  
m Vickie Stegman 21 Aug 1971
    - a. Brian Nettekstad b 14 Nov 1976
    - b. Allison Nettekstad b 18 Mar 1980  
Lives in Fargo, N.D.
  2. Patricia Nettekstad b 30 May 1954  
m Michael Bergquist 17 Sep 1977
    - a. Kare Bergquist b 31 Aug 1979
    - b. Heidi Bergquist b 1982  
Lives in Foxhome, MN.
  3. Steven Nettekstad b 14 Oct 1955  
m Sherry Aarness 8 Apr 1978
- G. Charles Robert Martinson b 27 Jul 1934 Rothsay, MN  
m Mary Anne Berglund 17 Aug 1957
1. Joan Martinson b 27 Jun 1958  
d 7 Sep 1969
  2. David Martinson b 1 Oct 1959
  3. Gary Martinson b 14 Mar 1960
  4. Kay Martinson b 26 Jul 1961
  5. Brian Martinson b 14 Aug 1968  
Lives in Varnesville, MN.

Gilbert

7 Children  
21 Grandchildren  
19 Great-grandchildren  
47

Mathilde  
Marlyn

X. Mathilde Martinson

b 24 Jun 1889 Rothsay, MN  
d -

m Oscar Skriden  
m Matt Isaacson

18 Nov 1925 Fergus Falls, MN  
b 29 Mar 1881  
d 27 Apr 1968 Fergus Falls, MN

Matt and Mathilde lived at 514 No. Union, Fergus Falls all their married years. In 1977, Mathilde sold the home, moved to an apartment in St. Paul. She now makes her home with Marlyn and Bob Weber. Mother and I visited her in June 1982. She was disappointed she couldn't dance at the wedding of Nancy Nelson Ohman (Beverly Oyen Nelson's daughter) due to a cumbersome cast on her leg.

A. Marlyn Mae Isaacson  
m Robert E. Weber

b 30 Nov 1929 Fergus Falls, MN  
16 Sep 1951 Fergus Falls, MN  
b -

1. Barbara Lynn Weber  
m Donald Wayne Larson  
a. Jamie Kaye Larson  
b. Jason Troy Larson  
c. Jerome Larson
2. Janet Lee Weber  
m Martin Beukhof  
a. Christine Anna Beukhof  
b. Stacy Lee Beukhof  
c. Thomas Andrew Beukhof
3. Mark Robert Weber  
m Sandra J. Elliott  
a. Breanna Lynn Weber
4. Paul Jan Weber
5. Deborah Joyce Weber  
m Charles Eugene Pitzer

b 18 Dec 1952 St. Paul, MN  
18 Aug 1975 St. Paul, MN  
b 3 Sep 1978 St. Paul, MN  
b 7 May 1981 St. Paul, MN  
b 1983 St. Paul, MN

b 25 Sep 1954 St. Paul, MN  
7 Jun 1975 St. Paul, MN  
b 11 May 1978 Excelsior, MN  
b 5 May 1980 Excelsior, MN  
b 12 Nov 1982 Excelsior, MN

b 1 May 1956 St. Paul, MN  
28 May 1983 St. Paul, MN  
b 31 Aug 1984 St. Paul, MN

b 14 Jun 1959 St. Paul, MN

b 13 Jul 1963 St. Paul, MN  
b 7 Jan 1968 St. Paul, MN

Mathilde

1 Child  
5 Grandchildren  
7 Great-grandchildren  
13

Hilmer  
Oline

XI. Hilmer H. Martinson

m Ellen Klengson

b 24 Apr 1891 Rothsay, MN  
d 25 Jul 1978 Breckenridge, MN  
2 Jul 1918 Rothsay, MN  
b 11 May 1900  
d 2 Dec 1974 Rothsay, MN

Hilmer and Ellen lived on the Hans Martinson farm, Tanberg Twp. when they were married in 1918. In the fall of 1935, the family moved to Everdell, MN where they farmed until 1956. Moved to Breckenridge. In 1962 they moved to a cottage on South Turtle Lake.

A. Oline Martinson

m Joyce Mittag

Lives in Lakeside, Arizona.

b 14 Feb 1919 Rothsay, MN  
14 Oct 1942 Wahpeton, ND

1. Wayne Martinson

m Mary Donald

a. Meredith Martinson

b. Kara Martinson

c. Matthew Martinson

b 14 Oct 1943 Wahpeton, ND  
31 Aug 1968 Wahpeton, ND  
b 13 Dec 1971 Minneapolis, MN  
b 22 Sep 1975 Minneapolis, MN  
b 26 Sep 1978 Green Bay, WI

2. Diane Martinson

m Donovan McConn

a. Donovan McConn

b. Eric McConn

b 24 Jun Wahpeton, ND  
11 Aug 1966 Phoenix, AZ  
b 11 Sep Phoenix, AZ  
b 14 Dec 1973 Concord, CA

3. Gary Martinson

m Laura Nehlo

a. David Martinson

b 19 Aug 1949 Breckenridge, MN  
24 Aug 1974 Pinetop, AZ  
b 2 Aug 1976 Pinetop, AZ

4. Joanne Martinson

m Thomas Dom

a. Will Gary Dom

b 6 Oct 1951 Mesa, AZ  
16 Oct 1982 Mesa, AZ  
b 8 Mar 1984 Mesa, AZ

5. Jerry Martinson

m Cynthia Wentling

m Holly Earl

a. Nicholas Martinson

b. Gregory Martinson

b 30 Apr 1955 Breckenridge, MN  
27 Aug 1977 Div. 1981  
4 Aug 1983 Las Vega, NV  
b 7 Feb 1978  
b 16 Apr 1981

B. Miriam Martinson

m Joel Shelstad

Miriam lives in Morris, MN.

b 10 Feb 1920 Rothsay, MN  
15 Jun 1941  
d 22 Jan 1980

1. Marlyn Joel Shelstad

m Susan Scott

a. Eric Jon Shelstad

b. Sara Amy Shelstad

Lives in Alexandria, MN.

b 12 Jun 1942  
15 Jun 1963  
b 18 Jan 1943  
b 20 Aug 1966  
b 18 Aug 1967

Hilmer  
Ellsworth  
Lorraine

2. Beverly Jean Shelstad  
m Donald Struxness  
b 24 Aug 1945  
26 Dec 1968  
b 13 Jun 1943  
b 17 Oct 1970  
b 11 Jun 1972  
b 15 May 1976  
a. Daniel Oscar Struxness  
b. Kari Jean Struxness  
c. Janellie Tamara Struxness  
Lives in Milan, MN.
3. Paul John Shelstad  
b 17 Jun 1949  
d 6 Feb 1984  
m Kathy Hasbargen  
1 Nov 1975  
b 14 Jun 1956  
a. Wayne Shelstad  
b 17 Nov  
d 3 Apr 1980  
b 12 Jan 1978  
b 17 Jul 1979  
b 4 Mar 1981  
b. Stacy Marie Shelstad  
c. Jamie Renee Shelstad  
d. Heidi Lynn Shelstad  
Lives in Foxhome, MN.
4. Robert James Shelstad  
b 26 May 1954  
m Roberta Ann Barth  
11 Sep 1976  
b 30 Jun 1955  
a. Stephanie Ann Shelstad  
b 13 Sep 1979  
b. Kristen Rae Shelstad  
b 21 Mar 1983  
Lives in Fargo, N.D.
- C. Ellsworth Martinson  
m Violet Gerhardson  
b 19 Sep 1921  
8 Dec 1946 Minnesota  
b 30 Jun 1924  
Lives in Chula Vista, CA.
1. Sandra Kay Martinson  
m Charles Brown, Jr.  
b 14 Mar 1948 Fergus Falls, MN  
10 Jun 1972, Studio City, CA
2. Roger Aaron Martinson  
m Terri Hasemeyer  
b 28 Dec 1949 Fergus Falls, MN  
16 Aug 1975, Covina, CA  
a. Heather Joy  
b 21 Jun 1978 San Diego, CA  
b. Matthew Aaron  
b 7 Mar 1981 San Diego, CA
3. Colleen Ann Martinson  
m Michael Schwieter  
b 24 Sep 1951 Minneapolis, MN  
b 29 Jan 1972 Chula Vista, CA  
a. Derek Lee  
b 21 Jun 1981 San Diego, CA
4. Evon Orle Martinson  
m Stella  
b 20 Nov 1954 Breckenridge, MN  
Div.  
m Kathy Fuller  
16 Feb 1985 Chula Vista, CA
- D. Lorraine Martinson  
m Herman Lankow  
b 9 Feb 1924 Rothsay, MN  
21 Sep 1952 Foxhome, MN  
b 14 Apr 1917 Foxhome, MN  
d 27 Mar 1970 Fergus Falls, MN  
Lorraine lives in Fergus Falls, MN

Hilmer  
Alwin

1. ~~Joann~~ Jean Lankow b 31 Dec 1953 Fergus Falls, MN
  2. Lynette Joan Lankow b 17 Jan 1955 Fergus Falls, MN
  3. Michael Dean Lankow b 2 Dec 1958 Fergus Falls, MN
- E. Alwyn Martinson b 28 Jul 1926  
 m Marilyn Lankow b 13 Aug 1931  
 Lives in Vergas, MN.
1. Dennis Martinson b 12 Dec 1951
  2. David Martinson b 16 Jul 1953
  3. Donna Martinson b 17 Jan 1955  
 m Kenneth Sitzow  
 a. Marcus
  4. Mary Lou Martinson b 5 Dec 1958
  5. Carol Elaine Martinson b 27 Dec 1960  
 m David Kakle  
 a. Jared
- F. Gordon Martinson b 9 Dec 1927 Rothsay, MN  
 m Artis Lankow b 18 Mar 1934  
 Lives in Breckenridge, MN.
1. Noel Martinson b 26 Jan 1955  
 m Melissa
  2. Cheryl Martinson b 6 Feb 1957  
 m Ronald Goldsade  
 a. Devra  
 b. Jolene
  3. Vickie Martinson b 14 Jul 1960  
 m Kenneth DeYoung
  4. Beth Martinson b 27 Jul 1961
  5. Kim Martinson b 26 Sep 1965
- G. Conrad Martinson b 30 May 1929  
 d 1982  
 m Waynda Sloeen Div.
1. Duane Martinson b 14 May 1952  
 m Vicky  
 a. Son  
 b. Son
  2. Linda Martinson b 5 Feb 1954  
 m Bill
  3. Jay Brian Martinson b 29 Nov 1956

64.  
Hilmer  
Virginia  
Donald  
Janice

- H. Virginia Martinson  
m Francis Lankow  
Lives in Rothsay, MN.  
b 22 Apr 1932  
b 6 Sep 1923
1. Gayle B. Lankow  
m Judy  
a. Casey Lankow  
b 19 May 1953
2. Garry Lankow  
m Barbara  
a. Benjamin Lankow  
b. Barry Lankow  
b 6 Oct 1954 Div.
3. Glen Lankow  
b 19 Aug 1956
4. Jean Ann Lankow  
m Craig Lysne  
a. Aaron Lysne  
b 6 Apr 1961
5. Gregory Lankow  
b 17 Nov 1966  
d 8 Feb 1981
- I. Donald Martinson  
m Richadine Gast  
Lives in Moonville, Indiana.  
b 11 Nov 1937  
b 3 Dec 1939
1. Jennifer Martinson  
b 11 Oct 1960
2. Cynthia Martinson  
b 15 1962
3. Stephanie Martinson  
b 26 Oct 1964
4. Scott Martinson  
b 22 Jan 1967
- J. Janice Elaine Martinson  
m Kalvin Garret Michels  
b 28 Aug 1941 Breckenridge, MN  
b 1 Aug 1939 Wahpeton, ND
1. Kevin Garret Michels  
b 5 Aug 1964 Breckenridge, MN
2. Jodi Kay Michels  
b 3 May 1966 Breckenridge, MN
3. Jill Renae Michels  
b 4 Jul 1969 Breckenridge, MN
4. Janel Elaine Michels  
b 20 Aug 1970 Breckenridge, MN
5. Julie Ann Michels  
b 2 Mar 1975 Breckenridge, MN  
Lives in Breckenridge, MN.

Hilmer  
43 Grandchildren  
32 Great-grandchildren  
75

- Thea  
Fred  
Mary
- XII. Thea Martinson  
 m Alfred John Nelson (Al)  
 b 9 Mar 1893 Rothsay, MN  
 28 Oct 1920 Fergus Falls, MN  
 b 14 Jul 1894 Rothsay, MN  
 b 15 Nov 1973 Fergus Falls, MN  
 Thea lives with her daughter Mary and William Lakie in Macomb, Ill.
- A. Alfred John Nelson (Fred)  
 m Patricia May Beithom  
 b 15 Aug 1922 Fergus Falls, MN  
 29 Mar 1945 Delroy Beach, FL  
 b 20 Feb 1925 Iowa City, IA  
 Lives in St. Paul, MN.
1. Karen Elizabeth Nelson  
 m Charles L. Littlefield  
 a. Nicholas Littlefield  
 b. Holly Allison Littlefield  
 Lives in Maple Grove, MN.  
 b 7 Jun 1946 Henkinson, ND  
 24 Sep 1977 Stillwater, MN  
 b 2 Nov 1979 Edina, MN  
 b 6 Apr 1983 Newark, OH
2. Marcia Beth Nelson  
 m Kenneth R. Luther  
 a. Craig Luther  
 b. Hester Luther  
 c. Bradley Luther  
 Lives in Roscoe, IL.  
 b 4 Apr 1950 Wahpeton, ND  
 6 Mar 1971 St. Paul, MN  
 b 3 Jun 1973 Lake Forest, IL  
 b 7 Jan 1975 Lake Forest, IL  
 b 9 Oct 1979 St. Charles, IL
- B. Mary Josephine Nelson  
 m William Loren Lakie  
 b 28 Oct 1925 Fergus Falls, MN  
 21 Mar 1948 Barnesville, MN  
 b 20 Feb 1925 Barnesville, MN  
 Lives in Macomb, IL.
1. Susan Kathleen Lakie  
 Lives in Oakland, CA.  
 b 21 Apr 1949 Minneapolis, MN
2. Patricia Mary Lakie  
 m Preston Eric Peterson  
 a. Melanie Lakie Peterson  
 b. Timothy Arthur Peterson  
 Lives in Napa, CA.  
 b 18 Jun 1953 Sioux Falls, SD  
 15 Jun 1975 Davis, CA  
 b 17 Apr 1980 Sonoma, CA  
 b 20 Apr 1984 Napa, CA
3. Ann Elizabeth Lakie  
 Lives in Oakland, CA.  
 b 1 Jan 1956 Rochester, MN

Thea

2 Children

5 Grandchildren

7 Great-grandchildren

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Josie  
Marion  
Beverly  
John

XIII Josephane (Josie) Martinson

m John Isaac Oyen

b 12 Jul 1895 Rothsay, MN  
d 25 Jan 1975 Fergus Falls, MN  
28 Jun 1917 Fergus Falls, MN  
b 5 Nov 1890 Manchester, MN  
d 17 Oct 1962 Fergus Falls, MN

John and Josie lived at 207 E. Vernon Ave., Fergus Falls, MN.

A. Marion Constance Oyen

m John Snowberg

Lives in Fergus Falls, MN

b 16 May 1919 Fergus Falls, MN  
7 May 1943 Fergus Falls, MN

1. John Atlee Snowberg
2. Gene Elliot Snowberg

b 16 Aug 1946 Fergus Falls, MN  
b 6 Apr 1950 Fergus Falls, MN

B. Beverly Joyce Oyen

m Stewart Richard Nelson

Lives in St. Paul, MN.

b 18 Mar 1926 Fergus Falls, MN  
14 Oct 1950 Fergus Falls, MN  
b 16 Jun 1922 St. Paul, MN

1. Jeffrey David Nelson  
m Reni Gower
2. Randall Stewart Nelson  
m Anne Christine Schadegg
3. Nancy Ann Nelson  
m James Cooper Ohman

b 15 Sep 1953 Fairmont, MN  
2 Jan 1982 Madison, WI

b 1 Nov 1956 St. Paul, MN  
25 Oct 1980 St. Paul, MN

b 20 Dec 1953 St. Paul, MN  
12 Jun 1982 St. Paul, MN

C. John Vincent Oyen

m Carol Solland

Lives in Minneapolis, MN.

b 7 Jun 1934 Fergus Falls, MN  
26 Jul 1958 St. Paul, MN  
b 11 Apr 1933

1. John Vincent Oyen, Jr.
2. Eric Scott Oyen
3. Christian Lee Oyen

b 15 Nov 1959 St. Paul, MN  
b 7 Jan 1962 Madison, WI  
b 10 Jan 1971 Le Seuer, MN

Josie

3 Children

5 Grandchildren

8

In the past several years, I have attended two Scandinavian Genealogy Seminars at Pacific Lutheran University, given by Prof. Gerhard Næseth of Madison, Wisconsin. He is director of the Vesterheim Genealogical Center, a division of the Norwegian-American Museum of Decorah, Iowa.

Prof. Næseth is in the process of researching and writing a book on Norwegian Emigrants of Wisconsin, Iowa and Minnesota. Much of the information in this story has been sent to him, on the families of Norway, Hans and Marthas immigration, settling in Iowa and Minnesota and their children.